#### U.N. chief pursues Sahara mediation

GENEVA. (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has cancelled plans to attend an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit in Addis Ababa to continue efforts to resolve the Western Sahara conflict. "I have had to cancel my trip to Addis Ababa because I have to settle an African problem here," he told reporters Sunday. The United Nations citief, who was due to leave for Addis Ababa Sunday, was still trying to convince Morocco to hold direct talks with the Polisario Front on the future convince Morocco to hold direct talks with the Polisario Front on the future of the disputed Western Sehara, annexed by Morocco in 1976. Diplomats have said that prospects of Moroccan and Polisario officials talking to each other under U.N. mediation looked dim. But Perez de Cuellar, who has produced a plan to end the 15-year desert war, said Thursday he was confident be could persuade Morocco to budge on the issue after receiving Moroccan and Polisario representatives separately. There has only been one meeting between Morocco and the Polisario gaerrillas, fighting for independence of the Western Sahora. King Hassan received Polisario officials in Marrakesh, Morocco, in January 1989. But he refused further talks despite repeated calls from the Polisario.

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#### Libyan envoy in Syria with message

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DAMASCUS (R) — Colonel Mustafa Al Kharoubi, chief of staff of Libya's armed forces, market statt or Lioya's annual state it arrived in Damascus on Sunday it to arrived in Damasous on a surface with a message from Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Libyan officials said. They told Reuters the message dealt with latest Arab developments but gave no further details. Kharoubi, who is a member of Libya's Revolutionary Council, was welcomed at the airport by Major-General Hekmat Shehabi chief of staff of Syria's armed forces. The Libyan envoy has visited Egypt and Jordan will deliver similar messages in Iraq, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

#### Spain's largest nuclear plant shut down

TARRAGONA, Spain (R) -Spain's largest and newest nuclear power plant was shut down 20 12 Sunday after engineers detected a leak of radioactive steam from its cooling system, a regional government spokesman said. Regional authorities decreed a state of alert at the Vandellos II plant but said the leak had not spilled outside and the heavilypopulated Tarragona area on Spain's Mediterranean coast was not at risk. "There is no risk of radiation..." Vandellos Mayor Carles Barcelo was quoted as saying by the Europa Press news service. "My children are out playing on the beach."

#### Soviets 'urge PLO to stop raids'

SHARJAH (AP) - The Soviet Union has urged the Palestine tion Organisation (PLO) to bring commando operations against Israel to a halt; the newspaper Al Khaleej reported Sunday. Quoting an unnamed Arab diplomat, the Sharjah daily said Moscow advised the PLO in a. message last week to "stop commando operations which may increase the current tension." The message asked the PLO to adopt "a rational stand."

#### U.S.: Greece sign new bases pact

ATHENS (R) - The United States and Greece signed a new military bases agreement Sunday and Washington threw in 62 warplanes and four naval destroyers to sweeten the deal. Greece's conservative government, in power for the first time since 1981, took just three months to bammer ont the pact which sharply reduces the number of U.S. military personnel and bases

#### Kosovo opposition calls for strike

PRISTINA, Yngoslavia (R) — Opposition leaders in rebel Kosovo province Sunday urged ethnic Albanians to strike in protest against Serbian rule, but the Yugoslav republic warned it would sack workers who heeded the call. The Democratic Forum, comprising Kosovo's main Albaman opposition groups, issued a statement calling for the province's Albanian majority to stop work from nine to 10 a.m. daily. Serbia dissolved Kosovo's parliament and government on Thursday and purged the Albanianlanguage media after rebel deputies declared the province independent from Serbia. On Sunday Serbian officials said they would take severe measures to break the strike. "Anyone going on strike will be fired on the spot and their paycheck will be withheld," Dragan Nikolic, a member of the Scrbian government, told repor-

#### Mandeia optimistic about talks soon with Pretoria

KAMPALA (R) - Nelson Mandela said Sunday he was confident the African National Congress (ANC) would make progress in talks with the white-led Fouth African government next week. "We have an optimistic view, especially after the success of our first talks," the ANC vice-president told a news conference in Entebbe at the end of a four-day visit to Uganda.

# Israeli policeman stabbed in Arab Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - An assailant ambushed and stabbed an Israeli policeman in the back Sunday as he patrolled in the old Walled City near a church marking the legendary burial place of Jesus, police said.

The officer was in moderate condition at Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital with a punctured lung after undergoing surgery to remove the knife, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Police shut the city's stonewalled gates after the 1100 a.m. (0800 GMT) attack for an hear and detained dozens of Palcarimans in the area for questioning.

The assault came on a day designated by Palestinian underground leaders in a leaflet for. distinguished escalation" as part of the 31-month uprising.
Police Minister Roni Milo of

the right-wing Likud bloc rushed to the scene from the weekly cabinet session and vowed police would use tougher measures to prevent further attacks.

"We see this attack in a very grave light," Milo said. "There are new methods of action that will be carried ont as soon as

(Agencies) - Foreign Minister

David Levy expects to meet U.S.

Secretary of State James Baker

"as soon as possible" to discuss

Middle East peace moves, a

foreign ministry official said Sun-

The remarks came in response

to an invitation by Baker for talks

conveyed Thursday to Levy by

U.S. ambassador to Israel Wil-

The Moroccan-born Levy is

number two behind Prime Minis-

ter Yitzhak Shamir in the right-

wing Likud bloc. He is Israel's

first foreign minister born in an

Baker's message followed a lengthy letter by Shamir to U.S.

President George Bush a week

ago, in which he suggested Israel

was ready to reopen discussion

about choosing Palestinian nego-

Baker has sought for months to

arrange Israeli-Palestinian nego-

tiations, but his efforts had been

deadlocked over Israel's insist-

ence on excluding the Palestine

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possible," he added, without claborating.

Surrounded by a dozen heavily armed police, Mile said Jerusalem remained a relatively safe city by international standards.

Arabs said the spate of recent attacks reflected continuing tension of the nprising rather than a sudden escalation.

"We are used to it," said a Palestinian cafe manager who asked not to be identified.

Police and witnesses said the policeman, who routinely works in Jerusalem's Old City, was ambushed hy a youth with black curly hair, wearing blue jeans and a yellow shirt outside the Holy Sepulcher Church in the Christian quarter.

The vicinity of the Holy Sepulcher has been a source of Arab-Jewish tensions in the wake of a settlement established by a group of armed Israelis in a nearby building in April.

The supreme court later ordered most settlers evicted after strong protests from the United States, but allowed about 20 to remain pending resolution of a tenancy dispute in the building.

Baker, in Houston for next

week's group of seven economic

summit, said in an interview with

Cable News Network Saturday he

had not yet received a reply from

ter of Israel and Ive suggested

that we should try and reengage

in this process. And I've invited

him to meet me in Paris on July

bring Palestinians - Palestinians,

not the PLO - and Israelis to the

Goren said no date has been set

for a meeting with Baker, be-cause Levy, 52, is still convalesc-

ing from a mild heart attack he

Another ministry official,

speaking on condition of anony-mity, said of Baker's message, "it

Baker referred to Levy as

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was a very warm letter."

Levy's spokeswoman Aliza

What we're trying to do is

18th or 19th," Baker said.

table," Baker said.

suffered last month.

"T've written the foreign minis-

# Germans win the cup

ROME (Agencies) - Andreas Brehme scored a penalty with six minutes remaining to lift West Germany to a 1-0 victory over defending champion Argentina Sunday in the World Cup final.

Argentina finished the match with nine men. Substitute Pedro Monzon was sent off by Mexican referee Edgardo Codesal for a crude challenge on West German striker Juergen Klinsmann in the 65th minute.

Striker Gustavo Dezotti also was sent off for a foul on Juergen Kohler with two miantes remain-

No player had previously been sent off in a

West Germany dominated the match for long periods, but found it difficult to break down the rugged Argentine defence.

The penalty was awarded when defender Roberto Sensini fouled striker Rudi Voeller in the

Brehme coolly hit the penalty past goalkeeper Sergio Goycoechea.

West German coach Franz Beckenbauer became the first man to captain and coach a team to victory in the World Cup final. He captained West Germany to victory in 1974.

## Hostage release details 'being worked out'

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Iran has IRNA began the speculation on decided to use its infinnce with kidnappers to free one of 16 Western hostages they hold, and a scenario for the release is being soon. worked out, a source close to the fundamentalist Hizbollah said

"The decision was taken in Tehran to release the hostage. The details on where, when and how are now under consideration in Lebanon," the source told the

The source would not speculate on who would be released, or answer any other questions. This is it for the moment. We have to wait for a communique

(from the kidnappers). Sources quoted by Reuters also said Iran, paymaster of Hizbollah which is believed to be an

umbrella group for hostage-takers, was making final arrangements with kidnappers. "The Iranians have informed the kidnappers about their desire to see one of the hostages free but

have not indicated the name or the final date yet," one source told Reuters. A pro-Syrian militia source

British and Irish nationality, contacts between the Irish government and Iran and Syria.

said Brian Keenan, who has dual would go free following intensive

ert efforts to release a Western hostage "even if the West did not show goodwill."

Syria, with 40,000 troops deployed over two-thirds of Lebanon, usally liases in hostage re-

Saturday with a report from Beirut that a hostage, most prob-ably a European, might be freed

Pro-Iranian sources said the

release, not expected before

Tuesday, would be a goodwill

gesture by Tehran towards West-

ern Europe for its help after the

devastating June 21 earthquake.

the United States by helping free

two of its hostages two months

agol. Now it wants to extend its

hands to the Europeans," one

After the quake, Iranian Fore-

ign Ministry official Hussein Mussavian said Tehran would ex-

"Iran showed goodwill towards

"We heard reports that it could be Brian Keenan but we haven't been informed officially about the name of the hostage or where and when he would be set free." said a Syrian major.

"Usually the captors send a statement announcing details of the release and ask us to collect him and hand him over to his The Iranian news agency happened yet."

# Velayati to visit

CAIRO (Agencies) - Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati will visit Cairo soon atic relations be tween Iran and Egypt which have been severed in 1979 will improve, a newspaper reported

Cairo

The state-owned Al Messa newspaper reported in an un-attributed story that Iran has sent Egypt a message of thanks for the supplies it sent following the earthquake which killed 40,000 people last month.

"I learned that Iran has sent a message to Egypt through Geneva, thanking it for its help sent to the victims of the earthquake. Special thanks were sent to President (Hosni) Mubarak for the message of condolences which he sent to Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani," Al Messa's editor-in-chief Samir Ragab

wrote in a front-page article. "And relations between Egypt and Iran will improve in the coming days and the Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati will visit Cairo in the next few days after accepting an invitation from Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid," Ragab added. Ragab is accompanying

Mubarak on his present trip to Yemen. He did not say when Egypt extended the invitation to Velayati and gave no further details.

Iran severed diplomatic relations with Egypt in 1979 to protest its peace treaty with Israel signed in March of that

But the two countries maintained interest sections attached to third country embassies until May 1987 when Egypt expelled two Iranian diplomats attached to the Swiss embassy in Cairo and withdraw its ione official at the

French embassy in Tehran. The expelled Iranian diplomats were suspected of maintaining contacts with Egyptian extremists opposed to Mubarak's government.

Iran's official news agency IRNA reported Sunday that Velayati will visit Kuwait Monday for the first time since the Gulf war.

Velayati will hold talks with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Ai Sabah on the two countries' recently improved ties, the agency said.

IRNA said Velavati will also mee the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and the prime minister, Sheikh Sand Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

The first Iranian ship to dock in Kuwait since the war arrived at Showalkh Thesday.

# Badran to visit Syria this month

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran will visit Syria later this month to co-chair the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee meeting with his Syrian counterpart Mahmond Al

the first since he took over as prime minister last year, and his meeting with Zonbi as cochairman of the joint committee will be the second since January

Badran's visit to Syria will be

The joint committee's January Central Bank of Jordan.

steps to be taken by the two countries in promoting cooperation in agriculture, transport, electricity, trade, industry, irrigation and tourism.

A cabinet meeting here Saturday evening formed a Jordanian delegation to go to Damascus to prepare for the higher committee meeting. The delegation, to be headed by Minister of Industry and Trade Ziyad Fariz, comprises senior officials from the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the

# Jordan, S. Arabia and Iraq discuss oil pipeline

AMMAN (R) — Officials from have said the project would cost have had their first round of talks Jordan \$40 million a year it on a joint multi-million dollar oil pipeline, an official said Sunday.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources told Reuters the meeting, beld in the Saudi city of Dhahran last week, focused on a plan to pump Iraqi oil to Jordan by pipeline through Saudi Arabia.

"Procedures regarding link-ing... the Iraqi pipeline that runs through Sandi Arabia with the (Saudi-Jordan) Tapline to carry Iraqi crude oil to Jordan were discussed," he said.

He said the meeting had asked Saudi Arabia's national oil company Saudi Aramco to prepare a technical report with a prelimin-

ary evaluation of the project. The report would be assessed during the second round of talks in early August when officials would agree on a work timetable.

The spokesman gave no further

Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia around \$5 million and would save spends on importing Iraqi oil by road tanker.

They said the project would link Iraq's pipeline to the Saudi port of Yanbu with the Saudi Tapline, which feeds Jordan's only oil refinery at Zarqa.

Jordan gets 80 per cent of its oil from Iraq and the rest from Saudi Arabia via Tapline.

Amman imports 18 million barrels of Iraqi oil annually, most as barter trade or as repayment of Iraq's estimated \$400 million debt to Jordan.

Jordan uses 60,000 barrels of oil daily but produces only 400 to 500 barrels a day. Several foreign companies are exploring for oil. In 1989, Jordan paid around

\$600 million on oil imports. The pipeline link was first proposed in the mid-1980's but Iraq shelved the project because details but government sources of its war with Iran.

#### House needs royal decree to discuss Audit Bureau chief

AMMAN (Petra) — The Higher Council for the Interpretation of the Constitution held a meeting Sunday under the chairmanship of Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi and discussed the issue of referring Audit Burean Chief Hashem Al Dabbas to pension.

council ruled that the Lower

House of Parliament cannot dis-

cuss this issue in its current ex-

In light of its interpretation of paragraphs one and two of Artiele 82 of the Constitution, the

not included in the session's agenda, as contained in the Royal Decree calling the House for session. However, following the practices which have been applied since 1948, such items can be added to the House's agenda by virtue of a royal decree.

traordinary session because it was

Accordingly, the council decided that the issue of referring the Audit Bureau chief to pension can be added to the agenda of the House's extraordinary session by a royal decree.

## Reformers in control in Albania, but refugees wait

BONN (R) — The sacking of Albania's interior minister and top party members, after a week in which thousands of refugees stormed embassies demanding to leave the Stalinist state, shows reformers are in control, political analysts said Sunday.

"It is quite clear the liberals are marching forward," one analyst Up to 6,000 refugees were

holed up in embassies Sunday and United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he had sent an envoy to Albania to try to solve the crisis. Communist Party leaders,

rocked by the unprecedented public dissent, ousted several hardliners in a party and government reshuffle at the and of a two-day crisis meeting Saturday. The biggest casualty reported

by the official news agency ATA was Interior Minister Simon Stefani, whose security police spent all week trying in vain to stop disillusioned Albanians flocking to the embassies to escape from 45 years of Stalinism.

"Stefani was one of the hardest. But you need a hard man in that job," said the analyst.

He is replaced by Hekuran Isai, a close ally of President Ramiz Alia. Isai was also interior minister under the late hardline leader Enver Hoxha.

Alia has been pushing for change but says any reforms should be gradual. He said Friday economic reform would take

priority and called for "confined and controlled private activity,' in some economic sectors.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said in a radio interview 3,000 asylum seekers were in Bonn's embassy on Sunday. As many again are holed up in the Italian, French, Greek, Czechoslovak, Polish, Hungarian and Turkish missions. About 600 Alhanian troops

and police sealed off the foreign embassies district in Tirana Sunday. French Foreign Ministry officials said, quoting reports from their embassy.

The officials said the controls

and heavy security presence was in contrast with the last few days when Albanian police and soldiers allowed many would-be refugees into the area.

Several diplomats speaking from Tirana said Saturday that Albanian authorities had pledged to let embassy personnel accompany the asylum seekers as they picked up travel documents and left the country, to dispel concerns they would not be allowed. to leave.

"A solution has been found," Hungarian Ambassador Mihaly Kornidesz said Saturday, "Passports will be issued, and embassy personnel will be allowed to oversee... safe passage out of the country."

But only those accepted as refugees by foreign countries would be allowed to leave, the

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# Soviets indignant over Gorbachev's tactic

by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorfrom individual jndgemeut at a Communist Party congress appeared to have backfired Sunday. Soviet radio said many people were indignant about it.

While Gorbachev met worker and farmer delegations in the Kremlin, the radio said all Moscow was talking about how he beat off a conservative attempt to rate members of the ruling party body individually at the congress Saturday.

"How skilfully politburo members have escaped responsibility. People are talking about this on trolleybuses, everywhere, it is the talk of the town," a radio commentator said.

"Lenin stood for personal responsibility in everything," be added in a reference to the founder of the Soviet state.

Gorbachev Saturday put on a crushing display of authority at the congress, intervening after the body had passed a plan to vote individually on the performance of members of the politburo which he heads.

"What are we supposed to do, vote on each politburo member on a five-point scale, so-and-so getting two, the other minus

MOSCOW (R) - Deft footwork three? Comrades, come on, this is a full Soviet congress, a politicbachev to spare his politburo al event of huge importance," he

snapped to loud applause. "I want to tell you something," the Soviet leader said, wagging his finger at delegates. "If you want to split the party, if you want to bury it, then you're going about it the right way."
The 4,700 congress delegates,

clearly cowed by his fighting response, then approved a counterproposal for a vote on the leadership as a whole to be taken later in the session. It appeared the Soviet leader

was trying to save the reformist members of his leadership team - Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and his adviser Alexander Yakovlev - from a damming assessment at the conservative-dominated con-

Politburo members were on the spot much of the day on Saturday, fielding hostile questions from hardline critics and dismissing charges that weak leadership. had sapped the party's strength. Delegates have not questioned

Gorbachev's right to continue as party chief, but they seemed intent on blaming his lieutenants for the country's social and eco-

# Aid to Gorbachev is key issue at Houston summit

Sunday to their economic summit as aides sparred over how much aid to give to the Soviet Union, one of the most contentious issues. Two key members of the exclusive club were delayed by the World Cup soccer finals.

U.S. President George Bush and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher attended church together. Thatcher was meeting later with Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, and Bush with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Mulroney said in a television interview that the seven-nation summit, which officially begins Monday, should take a common stance on how to help Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev achieve his economic reforms. "Houston has to provide the

beginnings of an economic response," Mulroney told ABC-He said Canada for its part would provide trade credits and

easier financial terms to the

Soviets. "We want to send out a signal that this (Gorbachev) leadership is valued and valuable," said Mulronev.

U.S. Secretary of State James

HOUSTON (AP) — Western Baker said in the same interview leaders had a relaxed warm-up show that Washington was not ready to provide any direct financial aid, but would continue to give technical economic aid such as advice on how to move to-

British Foreign Secretary

Douglas Hurd said his country shares U.S. reluctance to give Moscow money. "We don't believe they have the economic reforms in place that would justify putting huge

wards a market economy.

said Hurd. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who went to R me to watch his country's tear play in the finals of the World Cup, has taken the lead in praining aid to

Western dollars in their pockets,'

Gorbachev recer by sent Bush a communique t'at is believed to repeat the appeal for aid he made in a letter ic Thatcher. The Is with of West Germany

the Soviets.

\$15 billion to bolster reforms and help Moscow meet payments to foreign firms. The Soviet Union traditionally tes been punctual in meeting

payments. But recent delays have started to erode confidence among foreign investors in Soviet economic performance.

called it a "war government."

Sunday's was Israel's 14th air

attack this year. By police count, 16 people were killed and 39

wounded in the 13 previous

A Hizbollah statement issued

in Beirut later in the day said two

party fighters were killed and

It said that Israel's artillery

hatteries hased in its self-

designated "security zone" in

South Lebanon pounded the

scene of the air attack after the

planes had gone to block rescue

operations and prevent the move-

"General mohilisation has

been ordered by the party in the

area and all fighters were put on

high alert to retaliate for the

monstrous Israeli aggression,"

the statement said. It did not

The strike was mounted a day

after reports that one of the

European hostages in Lebanon,

believed held by Hizbollah mem-

Israel raided Hizbollah bases

days before an American hostage

Soon after Sunday's attack,

Hizbollah and its rival Shi'ite

militia Amal fought with heavy

machineguns, rockets and mor-

Hizbollah accused the Syrian-

hacked Amal, with which it has

been feuding for three years, of

cooperating with Israel to try to

He said both sides shelled each

The two killed were both civi-

other's positions with mortar fire.

Scores of rounds crashed in 'Ain Al Hilweh and in the city.

lian men. One was a Palestinian

from the camp and the other a

Lebanese from Sidon. The

wounded included 10 Palestinian

combatants, nine Nasserites and

Sidon-based reporters said four

houses were set ahlaze in the area

Burned out cars and glass

shards from broken windows li-

ttered the streets of Sidon, pro-

vincial capital of South Lebanon

and the country's third-largest

of the clashes. About 50 apart-

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# **Israelis bomb Hizbollah posts**

NABATTYEH, Lebanon (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes attacked posts of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah in South Lebanon Sunday, their third air strike in three days, security sources said.

They said six jets slammed air-to-surface missiles into Hizbollah positions in the villages of Jarjouh and 'Ain Bouswar, 40 kilometres south of Beirut, at 1 p.m. (1000 GMT).

Initial casualty reports said at least four people were wounded in the five-minute raid. A twostorey house in 'Ain Bouswar took a direct hit and was completely destroyed.

"Smoke is billowing over the bomhed area and Hizhollah ambulances are rushing to evacuate casualties," a witness said. "Israeli planes are still flying over the villages."

A chain of loud explosions echoed across the area after the lightning raid.

There was no immediate word on casualties. Jarjou and 'Ain Bouswar are

3.5 to 5 kilometres north of Israel's self-designated "security zone" in South Lebanon.

Hizbollah has long been engaged in guerrilla attacks against Israeli troops and allied Lehanese militiamen in the enclave.

The "security zone's" population is predominantly Shi'ite. Israel carved out the huffer in 1985, ostensihly to guard against cross-horder raids.

Israeli jets Friday attacked bases of Palestinian guerrillas in north and east Lehanon. Eight fighters were wonnded.

The targets were positions of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Com-

SIDON (AP) - Palestinian fun-

damentalists fought an eight-hour

street battle with Lebanese mili-

tiamen of the Nasserite Popular

Organisation. Police said Sunday

two people were killed and 21

They said the clashes between

the Ansarullah, a newly founded

Palestinian faction, and the Nas-

serites were balted hy informal

ceasefire at 1 a.m. (2230 GMT)

Ansarullah (God's partisans)

comprises fighters from the

Palestinian refugee camp of 'Ain

Al Hilweb, on the outskirts of

this southern port city. Ansaru-

llah is allied with Hamas, the

Palestinian resistance group

based in the Israeli-occupied

Saad, an engineer, are dominant

militia in Sidon. They maintain

close ties with the Palestine Li-

beration Organisation (PLO).

whose efforts to find peace with

Israel have been openly criticised

40 kilometres south of Beirut,

said automatic rifles, rocket-

propelled grenades and mortars

were deployed in the overnight

It started when a Nasserite

checkpoint near Ain Al Hilweh's

northern entrance prevented five

armed members of Ansarullah

from entering the city, the police

"The Ansarullahis opened fire

and the militiamen responded in

kind and each side sent reinforce-

ments to the areas," said the

A police spokesman in Sidon.

The Nasserites, led by Mustafa

Gaza Strip.

by Hamas.

battle.

said.

spokesman.

Palestinian group,

Sidon militia clash

legalise political The attack last week was the first into Lebanon since Israeli Prime parties Minister Yitzhak Sbamir formed his right-wing government last month. Arab governments have

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq has drawn up a draft of a more liberal constitution that would allow political parties other than the dominant Baath to emerge and give greater freedom to the press, officials said Sunday.

Iraq to

They said they expected the revival of the National Democratic Party (NDP) and the Istiqual (Independence) Party, one-time allies of the ruling Baath Party but banned 30

years ago. The new constitution was prepared by the Revolutionary command Council (RCC) led hy President Saddam Hussein and hy Baath Party leaders.

Apart from the Baath, the only legal parties are two small Kurdish parties — pro-govern-ment faction of the Democratic Party of Kurdistan (DPK) and the Revolutiouary Kurdish Party (RKP).

Baghdad offered an amnesty earlier this year to members of rebel groups seeking more autonomy for the country's three million Kurds, including the mainstream DPK and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. But leaders of the two parties

did not take up the offer. Another banned group is the Communist Party which joined the Baath Party, the NDP and Istiqlal in setting up a republic in 1958 but turned against the Baath in the early 1970s.

The draft constitution will be discussed by ministers and parliament and be published in the press before ratification by the RCC, the officials said.

Parliament Speaker Saadi Mahdi Saleh told reporters earlier this year that the new constitution will give greater press freedom.

Iraq has three state-run Arahic newspapers and an English daily along with one private daily representing the Kurdish minority.

# **U.S. seen dropping** its rejection of role for Najibullah

sider a role for President Najibullah of Afghanistan in a settlement to end his nation's hloody conflict, according to diplomatic

Americans have been frustrated by bickering that has sapped the resistance of its political and military cohesion, and di-, plomatic formulas recently drafted by Washington could provide the superpowers with a facesaving exit from the decade-old conflict between rebels and the Soviet-backed government, the sources said.

The options include what a year ago would have been out ofthe question for the United States - allowing Najibullah to remain in office while transferring control of the armed forces, the intelligence agencies and the state-run media to a broad-based interim council, the sources said.

The options also include a cutoff of weapons supplies by the United States to the rebels and by the Soviet Union to the government in Kabul and internationally supervised elections.

Although the mechanics have yet to be worked out, the emergence of independent Afghan groups could provide the springboard for the interim council.

The council most likely would include Najihullah's ruling Hezbe-Watan, (Party of the Homeland), which until last month had been known for a quarter century as the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

The major obstacle to a settlement has been Najihullah, the 44-year-old ruler and former head of the feared Afghan secret police who has been trying to distance himself and his party from the communist past.

Until recently, Washington had insisted that Najihullah and "less than a planeload" of people must leave. But Najibullah has proven formidable politician and refused to step aside. Moscow has said it cannot remove him.

"The Soviets only have to change one person's mind and changes will start to happen,"

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The Unone Western diplomat, speaking ited States now is willing to conon condition of anonymity, said, on condition of anonymity, said, referring to Najibullah.

"He can stay and sign the checks. He can call himself by whatever title he wishes. He can rum in an election and if be wins he can return to power," said the diplomat.

'He just can't have the advantages of incumbency - control of the military, the police and the media — before or during an election, because he would probably cheat."

Leaders with the rebels' beleaguered government-in-exile acknowledged they have been told of Washington's proposals. If Na-jibullah must be included in a settlement, they said, he should be part of the council.

"If Najib stays as president if only in title — then symbolically and psychologically he has won," said one guerrilla leader, also speaking on condition of anonymity. "But if the Soviets and the Americans come to any agreement, then it's settled."

When the last Soviet soldiers left Afghanistan in February 1989 after nine years of direct involvement, Western leaders confidently predicted that the government they left behind would quickly fall and the resistance would take command. Their predictions

proved wrong. Neither side made any significant military victory. Govern-. ment troops control the cities and the guerrillas hold the country-

With dramatic changes sweeping Eastern Enrope and different political agendas, Washington and Moscow are eager to find a solntion to a war that has cost them billions of dollars, claimed more than 1.5 million lives and left Afghanistan in ruins, economically and physically.

We believe we have come a long way since last fall when it was ohvious there would be no quick military solution by either side," said a senior U.S. official, also speaking on condition of anonymity,

seriously interested in reaching a choose their own leaders.



political solution. We certainly are. So there are a lot of forces moving and we have made a lot of

But any superpower settlement ill be no guarantee of peace in Afghanistan. A new government most likely will be forced to fight fundamentalists who have threatened to derail any plan they

"This will not be a universally cepted plan. The object now is to go for the majority and to marginalise those who might want to continue fighting," the diplomat said.

'No cut in U.S. aid'

The United States' envoy to Afghan guerrillas has said Washington will not cut its aid to the rebels while Najibuliah remains in power, Reuter reported. In an interview with the Pakistani daily the Frontier Post published Sunday, Peter Tomsen said U.S. assistance, including arms supplies, to the Afghan Mujahideen will continue "at the same level as in previous years."

Tomsen, who has the rank of nbassador, said 'the building blocks are going in to their places" for a settlement, hnt that many problems remained.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Sbevardnadze are due to hold talks on Afghanistan in Paris beginning July 17. Tomsen said Washington and

Moscow agreed that political power in Afghanistan should be transferred to an "interim entity" which would establish a process "We believe the Soviets are for the people of Afghanistan to



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eighbourhood. Mengistu travelled to Tel Aviv July 3 and met secretly in the middle of the night with Israeli and U.S. officials, the newspaper

The results of the talks were not known, according to Il Messaggero. Andreotti's office said Saturday it had no comment on the report.

The Marxist government of Ethiopia, a one-time Italian colony, has been battling Britrean area, the newspaper said. The and Tigrean rebels. U.S. embassy is located in that

## **American Jewish** leader warns Israel

TEL AVIV (R) - An American Jewish leader has wanted Israel that its policy of no "territorial compromise" would alienate world Jewry and the American. government.

paper reported Saturday.

to Tel Aviv.

The daily, Il Messaggero, said

the Ethiopian leader also met

with U.S. officials during the trip

The newspaper speculated that

Mengistu was trying to improve his ties with the West because of

the Soviet Union's difficulties in

Mengistu travelled to Rome

June 17 and spoke for three hours

with Premier Giulio Andreotti at

Ciampino airport, the newspaper

said. He then went to an un-

known location in the Via Veneto

aiding its Third World allies.

Henry Siegman, director of the American Jewish Congress, told Israel Television:

"If the policy of this government is going to be, as it seems to be, that there will be no territorial compromise and they are going to hold on to all of the territories permanently that situation does not represent a peace

"That will lead eventually not just to the alienation of the U.S. administration but I think of world Jewry.'

The new right-wing govern-ment claims Israel has a "historic

right" to the occupied territories. People understand that this is a government that has a coherent consistent policy, under no circumstances any territorial compromise," Siegman said...

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's refusal to open the first-ever peace talks with Palestinians proposed by U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has brought U.S.-Israel relations to their lowest point in eight years.

The 30-month-old Palestinian uprising has also damaged Israel's standing with Americans. Siegman said Speaker Tom

Foley of the U.S. House of Representatives recently warned Jewish leaders that "the relationship is in the process of being undone.

## Voters get choice for first time in Chad

N'DJAMENA (AP) --- This warfirst contested election since inde- serve five-year terms. new national assembly.

Opposition parties remain banned in Chad, and virtually all the candidates belonged to the ruling National Union for Independence and the Revolution.

Yet the campaign was lively and hard-fought, with candidates touring city streets in loud-speaker-equipped vehicles and wooing voters with offers of low-price beer or free sugar.

The 4,000 polling stations spread across the vast, landlocked nation opened at 6 a.m. (0500 GMT) and were scheduled to close at midnight (2300 GMT). Final results were not expected until later in the week.

The elections are the product of constitutional reforms approved by 99 per cent of the electorate on Dec. 10 m a referendum that also gave President Hissene Hahre another seven-year term.

Habre voted about 9 a.m. in his N'djamena neighbourhood, then told journalists that Chad was entering "a phase of democratisa-

"I hope these processes will be seen through to completion," be

Of the 123 seats, five are reserved for women and will be allocated on a delayed basis if less

than five women win seats outscarred nation Sunday beld its right. Assembly members will

pendence in 1960, offering voters - Few senior, members of the a choice of 436 pro-government government or ruling party are candidates seeking 123 seats in a seeking seats in the assembly, which will replace the recently dissolved national consultative

council. \_ The council served in the place of a national legislature since 1982, but its members were appointed by Habre and its powers were limited: Some council members have questioned

whether the new assembly will have any greater authority. The three-week election campaign lapsed without any reports of serious political violence, although the state-controlled press scolded some candidates for

wooing support with gifts or emphasising clan allegiances rather than issues. Chad, more than twice the size of France, has a population of about 5.5 million. It is one of the world's poorest countries, with an

annual per capita income of about \$200, and has been engaged. m civil war almost continuously since independence from France in 1960. Habre's government currently

is locked in a struggle with Libyan-backed rebels who stage raids on border outposts from neighbouring Sudan.
The only previous legislative

elections in Chad were held in 1962, but the ruling party put up only one candidate for each seat.

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The battle erupted after a verbal assault by the PLO against Hamas, accusing it of playing into Israel's hands. The weekly Palestine Al Thawra magazine, mouthpiece of the PLO, launched the attack against Hamas in a commentary in its

latest edition. The article accused Hamas of trying to "break away from the rules and regulations of the

(Palestinian) house." Hamas has been challenging the pro-PLO underground command of the nprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and

The commentary said such attempts hy Hamas "will only serve the intrigues of the Zionist enemies and their American masters to strike at the Arah Nation as a whole and not just Pales-

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# MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Somalia: Stadium deaths were accident

NAIROBI (R) - Deaths at a football stadium in the Somali capital Mogadishu, when bodyguards of President Mohammad Siad Barre opened fire to quell a disturbance, were a chance accident, a Somali government minister said. Witnesses said dozens of people were killed when the presidential guards fired into the crowd Friday. Labour, Sports and Social Affairs Minister Abdi Warsameh Isaaq said Saturday: "Accidents and incidents happen hy chance in all stadiums of the world, as did that of yesterday, the cause of which the ministry had already explained." A statement from the Medina police bospital in Mogadisbu said seven people were killed and 18 injured in the incident, while a government statement on Mogadishu Radio said three people died after a disturbance caused by overcrowding in the stadium. The radio said security forces fired into the air. Diplomats in Mogadishu, contacted by telephone from Nairobi, said spectators had booed the president after he made a short speech launching a local football tournament. The bodyguards opened fire, apparently believing there was a threat to Siad Barre.

#### Ben Bella supporters stage hunger strike

ALGIERS (R) — Five sympathisers of former President Ahmad Ben Bella have been on hunger strike for a week in Algiers harbour in protest against a han on their newspaper. The newspaper, Tribune d'Octobre, is printed in France as the mouthpiece of the Movement for Democracy in Algeria (MDA), a political party led by Ben Bella who lives in exile. The hunger strikers are protesting against the seizure of the paper on arrival in Algeria, an MDA spokesman said Saturday. He said the latest issue was seized in Algiers harbour last week, along with other documents heing carried in hy an MDA activist. Ben Bella has lived in Switzerland since he was released from custody by President Chadli Benjedid in 1980. His supporters have been campaigning in recent weeks in preparation for his return at a country which is ahandoning

#### Explosives stolen from Algerian depots

ALGIERS (R) - Armed men stole 350 kilogrammes of explosives from a quarry in the western Algerian town of Tlemcen, the official news agency APS reported. It was the second such incident in a week. On Friday the local press reported 450 kilogrammes of explosives stolen from a dam site near Jijel in eastern Algeria. APS said between 10 and 15 armed men raided the quarry in Tlemcen early Wednesday. A guard was wounded and another is missing.

#### Powell arrives in Morocco

RABAT (R) - General Colin Powell, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrived in Morocco Sunday at the start of an orientation tour of North Africa and the Middle East, a diplomatic source said. The source said he had been invited by King Hassan to attend ceremonies marking the monarch's 61st birthday due to be celehrated in Rahat Monday. General Powell plans to leave late Monday to continue his tour to Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and Israel, the source said.

#### Libya ready for normalised ties with U.S.

ABU DHABI (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi has signalled to the United States his readiness to normalise relations, according to a report Sunday in the United Arab Emirates daily Al Bayan. The paper said the signal was communicated, by Qadhafi to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak last Friday. Af Bayan gave no source. "The message expressed Lihya's readiness to start a dialogue (with Washington) for settling some points of differences in order to normalise relations between Lihya and the United States," the paper said. Qadhafi's message came as a positive response to mediation efforts by Mubarak to ease the tension between the Untied States and Libya, the paper said.

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THURSDAY 12/7/1990	8:30 - 11:00	Nabeel Sha'el	8.000	7:00 - 6:00	Jordan Armed Forces Band Local Folk. Troupe Folklore/Pakistan	7:30 - 8.00	Children Play/Ministry of Cultura	1.00
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HURSDAY 26/7/1990		Cairo 80/Play "Egypt"	5.000	6:00 - 7:00 7:00 - 8:00	Jordan Armed Forces Band Local Folk Troupe Folklore/India		Cinderella/Haya Arts Centre The Warsaw Accordion Quintet	1.000
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### Jordanian death toll revised to four in Mecca stampede

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sunday released fresh information about the numbers of dead or missing among those who performed this year's annual pilgrimage to Mecca, casting yet a gloomier picture than first reported about the pilgrims last

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Four and not two pilgrims from Jordan were among those killed in the stampede in a pedestrian tunnel near Mecca, said Minister of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs Ali Al Fagir in a statement released by the Jordan News Agency,

Petra quoted the minister as saying that Kamal Ahmad from Mafraq, Monsa Fayyad Zoubi from Salt, Halaleh Halim from Mafraq and Salimeh Freih from Mafraq were among those who chocked to death in the tunnel in which at least 1,426 pilgrims were reported to have lost their lives.

The minister said in a telephone conversation from Mecca that the following pilgrims died of natural causes and diseases during the pilgrimage:

Hosni Naame from occupied Palestine, Abmad Hassein Mahmond Faiah from Amman, Azizel Husai Abu Hilal from Gaza, Abdul Hamid Jumaa from the ministry's official mission, Abdul Rahman Shihadeh from

Amman, Amineh Yousef Gbanaem from Beit Mahseer (Palestine), Nasrah Mohammad from Deir Al Balah (Palestine), Kamal Abu Kuwik from Gaza, Ibrahim Abdullah Al Aasi from (Palestine), Hassan Ali Watad from (Palestine), Ahmad Abdul Hadi from Salt, Fatimah Abu Eid, Sami Abdullah, Badawi Raji

Abdul Majid from Jordan. According to the minister, 46 pilgrims who travelled by air are not accounted for. Among these, 18 hold Palestinian travel documents and live in the Gaza Strip and could be staying with rela-

tives in Saudi Arabia. The minister reported two pilgrims missing and two others still being treated in Sandi hospitals. Earlier, the Ministry of Awasf said that only two Jordanian pilgrims died in the stampede and four others were injured.

An eye witness who performed the pilgrimage said in an article. published by Al Ra'i Arabic daily Sunday that the presence of a great number of vehicles inside the tunnel and on the overhead bridge caused the confusion in-

Ziyad Abu Mahfouz, who is also a parliament member, said

that large crowds gathered in the tunnel trying to find their way among the vehicles.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

#### EXHIBITIONS

- \* Open studio and workshop for artist Samia Zaru displaying paintings, sculptures and hand-printed fabrics. Location: off 2nd Circle, opposite Rosenthal (9:30-1:30 and 3:30-6:30). \* Exhibition entitled "Sainte: the French city of art" at the
- French Cultural Centre.
- ★ French film entitled "Recaller C" at the French Cultural Centre - 8:09 p.m.

#### Households without TV sets to be exempted from paying fee

who do not have television sets can apply to the Ministry of Finance for exemption from television fees which are currently charged on every electricity bill, according to a decision by the

A statement following an ordinary session said that bousehold owners, who can prove television set are exempted from

AMMAN (Petra) - Citizens which is normally added to the electricity bill.

The minister of finance has the authority to entrust a special team to verify the claim, the statement added. It said that places of worship and diplomatic missions will continue to enjoy the exemption.

The Cabinet endorsed an amendment to the University of through documents accredited Jordan staff regulations. The and supported by the mukhtar amendment provides for staff (headman of a village or city members who obtain a sabbatical quarter) that they do not own a year to enjoy certain privileges and new facilities, enabling them paying the JD 1 monthly fee to complete their research plans.

# Prices of milk, derivatives go up

Supply Ibrahim Ayyoub Sunday passed a decision increasing the derivatives as of Monday (today). According to the decision, a kilogramme of fresh cow milk will be sold at 210 fils from the farm. The ministry also increased the prices of pasteurised milk as of July 10. According to the deci-

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of fils, while the 500-gramme packs will be sold for 200 fils and the 250-gramme packs will be sold for prices of fresh cow milk and its 105 fils. The ministry took another decision increasing the prices of yoghurt and labaneh made from a mixture of pow-dered and fresh milk and those made from fresh milk only.

July 10. According to the decision, pasteurised milk in 1,000-gramme packs will be sold for 375

The new prices included an increase of 80 fils per tilo of labaneh made from fresh milk.

### Levy hopes to meet Baker

(Continued from page 1)

"problem-solver," and said he had read a lot about him and is looking for a meeting with him soon, the official added, "We" hope the meeting will take place as soon as possible."

"I believe this invitation indicates a certain intent by the (U.S.) administration to renew the process of contacts which may lead eventually to negotiations, something that all of us are very close to Shamir, said of Baker's

letter on Israel Radio. But the Yediot Ahronot daily

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an "impatient" message to Shamir last week, asking why Israel objected to including Palestinians expelled by Israel and residents of Arab Jerusalem as delegates in

The United States has promoted these ideas as a compromise around Israel's boycott of the

The Yediot report comes after Bush told reporters in London Friday he had sought clarifications from Shamir about his letter much interested in," Health and added: "I'd like to think that Minister Ehnd Olmert, who is Israel would now move forward

Shamin's aides refused comreported Sunday that Bush sent ment on the report.

### Greater Amman development reviewed

AMMAN (Petra) - A comprehensive plan for developing the Greater Amman region from now until the year 2005 was reviewed at a meeting held Sunday under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Mudar Badran.

Present at the meeting was Amman Mayor Ali Subeimat and members of a higher steering committee entrusted with carrying

out the project. Addressing the meeting Suheimat presented a general outline of the plan and studies conducted in this respect. A representative of Dar Al Handasa, a local consultancy firm, gave details of the plan which is to be implemented by his firm in cooperation with Amman Municipality's team of engineers.

The presentations were followed by a detailed discussion and agreement was reached on holding another committee meeting in the coming week to pursue

debate of the ambitious plan. Directors of municipality's different departments attended

# Gift clinic lto provide services free of charge

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - A free-of-charge clinic was opened at the Amman National Park Sunday to provide medical services to the vacationers and visitors two days a week in the initial stage.

The park, some seven kilometres south west of Amman, off the Queen Alia International Airport highway, is crowded by visitors and vacationers in the summer when the country receives huge numbers of people from the Gulf region.

The clinic is a joint project by the Jordan National Red Crescent Society (INRCS) and the Italian Red Cross Society. It has designed to offer services on Sun days and Fridays, weekly as a first step, according to JNRCS President Dr. Ahmad Abu Qoura.

Dr. Abu Qoura told the Jordan Times that the prefabricated four room clinic, which cost more than JD 50,000 at current prices, was a gift from the Italian Red Cross

The head of the Italian Red Cross Society, women branch, Maria Pia Fanfani presented the gift to the JNRCS which supplied medical equipment, medicines, a pbarmacy as well as an ambulance to cater for the medical needs of vacationers at the national park, Dr. Abu Qoura

He said that the clinic, which will also be opened for the public service on official hobdays, is

manned by a physician, nurses and other attendants. "The medical services could be expanded and facilities increased

should the need arise in the future," Abu Qoura said. Dr. Abu Qonra and the Italian charge d'affaires in Jordan attended the inanguration ceremony along with a group of local officials and JNRCS staff.

# Jordan, Britain discuss cooperation in education

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's educational plans were reviewed here Sunday by Education Minister Mohammad Hamdan at separate meetings with the British Council representative in Amman and a delegation representing Georgetown University in the United States.

British Council representative in Jordan Sir Richard Francis was briefed on the ministry's projects in education and discussed with Hamdan means of promoting bilateral cooperation.

and discussed prospects for organising training courses for teachers, scholarships in Great Britain and visits by educational specialists to Jordan. He presented Sir Richard Francis with the Ministry of Education's shield in expression of recognition of the British Council's continued assistance to Jordan in education-

The Georgetown University team was briefed by the minister ings.

Hamdan spoke in detail about about the educational developthe country's educational plan ment process in Jurdan and government plans in cooperation with community colleges and universities to find proper solutions for the huge number of unem-

ployed gradnates. Hamdan said that the government is linking society's needs to education, especially to vocational training, in a bid to solve the unemployment issue

Senior Ministry of Education officials were present at the meet-

### End to midday meal does not mean cut in service — UNRWA

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - Moves by a United Nations agency to terminate its midday meal operations in Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan do not imply any reduction of services nor cutdown in the volume of food distribution, according to Jordanian and UNRWA officials.

The decision to close down the supplementary feeding services of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refugees as of Jan. 1, 1991 was prompted by the finding of a ioint UNRWA-World Health Organisation (WHO) survey that the "appropriate type" of food was not being offered, according to a spokesman for the UNRWA field office in Amman. From Jan. 1, 1991, UNRWA will change part of its mode of operation and will organise monthly rations of food to the same needy children and families, he told the

Jordan Times. Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, director of the Department of Palestinian Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, said he had been informed by UNRWA that "they will no longer be providing cooked meals but will instead supply food in dry form

to the same beneficiaries." This change, according to UNRWA, is aimed at reducing waste and increasing the quality of the food offered." said Qatanani, the key Jordanian official involved in coordinating with UNRWA.

The "phasing out" of the programme started earlier this

year, and will be complete by the end of the year. According to UNRWA figures, about 9,000 children used to benefit from the service through the agency's 17 centres in Jordan at the beginning of the year and 7,200 children - who regularly benefitted from the programme in the last quarter of 1989 - will be beneficiaries under the new plan. There was no immediate explanation for

the disparity in figures. According to the U.N. agency, children in the camps were given sandwiches for five days a week, and a "hot meal" once a week, under the midday

feeding programme.
Only this part of UNRWA's nutrition and supplementary programme" will be affected, and supply of milk to expecting mothers and children under three will continue in addition to ration distribution to "special hardship" cases and tuberculosis patients. An emergency feeding programme introduced by the agency in the occupied territories in the wake of the Palestinian uprising there will remain unaffected.

UNRWA headquarters in Vienna, Austria, have explained that the switch is aimed at ensuring a "greater calorie and protein content than the midday meals" and reduction of "wasted food."

"No child who was regularly attending the supplementary feeding centres for the midday meal will be one calorie or one gramme of protein worse off for this change," UNRWA Health Director Robert Cook was quoted as saying.

The UNRWA decision, ratified by the decision-making body of the agency in Vienna last month, is also applicable to

UNRWA figures indicate that a total of \$14 million mostly in the form of cash and in-kind assistance from the European Community (EC) is being spent on the agency's "nntritional and supplementary feeding" programmes administered through 92 centres in its area of operations the occupied territories, Jordan, Syria and Lebenon. The midday meal service accounts for \$5.6 million of the total and the agency expects an undetermined amount of sav-

ings from the switch. The savings will be channelled to upgrading UNRWA's health and education as well as relief services, according to agency officials in Amman and Vienna. Envisaged plans for the appropriation of the saving include improving maternal and child health services, setting up new health centres, upgrading diagnosis and treatment facilities and controlling life-threatening diseases as well as offering intensive train-

Over and above everything, the agency will give more attention to addressing the chronic problem of diahetes among the refugee population. according to Health Director Cook, who says that one percent of all Palestinian refugees are diabetie. "It is the agency's ambition to bave the best diabetes control programme in the Middle East."

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# **Festive politics**

ON THE first of the Eid Al Adha, the Muslim Brotherhood issued a political statement in which it called for a boycott of U.S.-made goods, urged the government to begin military training for all Jordanians and to teach them how to face nuclear and chemical weapons, and stressed the need to renounce regional divisionism and sectarianism. The statement also urged the government to cancel the Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts, attacking it as frivolous "at a time when Jordan should be preparing for jihad against Israel."

Yesterday, Reuter news agency moved a story quoting the Brotherhood's demands, except of course that which stressed the need to combat regionalism and sectarianism.

What Reuters does, as an international news agency, is its own business. This is neither the time nor the space to discuss its (or, for that matter, any other news agency's) way of reporting a developing country's news. What the Brotherhood said in its statement, however, is something that Jordanian should be interested in and concerned about and since the Brotherhood is a major force in the country and what it has to say touches upon our

Given Washington's strong bias towards Israel, the Brotherhood's call for boycotting U.S. goods is understandable. So is the need for our people to be prepared against all Israeli threats, designs and possible aggression. What is not logical or right, though, is the connection that the Brotherhood struck between these political demands and the call to cancel the Jerash Festival.

We wonder what damage the call by a powerful political group in Jordan to cancel a festival of culture and arts has inflicted on our image abroad - especially that the call made news which is now available to millions around the world. But leaving aside this issue for now, the fundamental question remains whether the Brotherhood's argument about cascelling the festival holds water at all.

The group's contention that while Jordan "is importing troops

of dancers... Israel is getting troops of migrants and warriors" is a rhetoric that will certainly not convince many. Jordan is not "importing" dancers. The country is inviting Arab poets, theatrical companies and performers to entertain its people who are generally deprived from solid cultural activity all year round. The Brotherhood's call will only strengthen the hands of our enemies, such as Yitzhak Shamir and company, who insist on protraying the Arabs as backward, blood-thirsty, war-mongers and nothing else.

Entertainment, per se, should not be considered a sin. Secularists and Islamists alike agree that Arab culture at the moment of Arab history is poor, to say the least. This has been the result of years of political suppression of the arts. Only mediocre poorquality art "flourished" in decades of suppression. But this should needs tending. The Islamists should know better than attacking the mere concept of the festival and maybe they should concentrate on or criticise its individual components for the purpose of improving them. It is true that Israel is importing Jews from the Soviet Union and elsewhere. Those include not only soldiers but also scientists, artists, musicians and entertainers. In fact the Jewish state boasts the highest per capita of theatre-goers in the world, and that is not standing in its way of being a regional power.

Jordan, which tries through events like the Jerash Festival to advance Arab culture and arts and to encourage investment and tourism, is at the same time keeping a trained army beyond its own means. The country's leadership is striving all the time to keep the army fully prepared and fully equipped. To do so, Jordan needs a strong economy. Such a strong economy will not be hampered by entertainment. On the contrary, hard working, productive people need breaks, entertainment and cultural doses to keep them running. The Brotherhood's call can only be seen as counterproductive for both the country and its people. Now that we are on the road to democracy, people's choice must not be determined hy one group. One hopes that other blocs in Parliament, other parties, and people with different opinions should make them known.

#### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

The Soviet Jewish immigration to Palestine has entered a critical stage now with the declared plans in Israel of absorbing one million Jews over the coming 18 months, said Al Ra'l Arabic daily Sunday. The paper referred to statements by Israeli leaders about plans which include the construction of 7,000 housing units every month in order to absorb the immigrants who are bound to bring about a basic demographic change in the occupied Arab lands. It is true that Moscow has lately displayed concern over these plans, and admitted that Israel's policies constitute a flagrant aggression which is bound to obstruct the peace process, said the paper. But it added, concern over the situation and the Palestinian human rights are not enough, and can by no means solve the problem. Since Moscow had succumbed to political pressure from Washington to release its Jews, then it is only fair to ask Moscow to halt the migration of Jews until and when Israel accepts the idea of a comprehensive peace to ensure the rights of the Palestinian people, the paper demanded. Concern over the grave situation in our region, added the paper, can not end the ordeal of the Palestinians; and therefore, a political step is needed immediately before it is too late for peace.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily draws the Ministry of Supply's attention to the need to put an end to street vendors' exploitation of citizens. Nazih says that Jordan's streets and highways are now abound with numerous vendors selling fruits and vegetables at soaring prices, not controlled by the Ministry of Supply and destabilising the market prices. The writer notes that these vendors do not pay any taxes nor do they bold valid licences for selling their products; and they also sell by crate not by kilo, claiming that what they offer is the best on the market. The victims are of course the ordinary citizens and those travelling on the roads and in need of the vegetables and fruits for their families, says the writer. Since the Ministry of Supply is controlling prices of various crops in shops and greengroceries inside the stores, it is just and fair to demand that it does so with the vendors on the side of the road, the writer continues. He says that the vendors are exploiting pavements and plots of land owned by private individuals and the state in order to make profit which is far in excess of that made hy greengroceries who pay their taxes and abide by municipal and government regulations.

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# One positive way to influence the West

MUCH deliberation has been devoted to the oil weapon as a tool to bring the enemies of the Arab causes to their knees. Other economic and financial factors have also been discussed as potential weapons that can be used against the West in particular. In addition to being double-edged weapons, all such economic and financial options are negative in essence. Given the fact that oil is abundant on the international market, its use as a weapon stands to burt the oil countries more than the recipients. At least for the time being, it is a buyer's market as far as oil is concerned. The same appears to apply to other economic and financial powers at the disposal of the Arab countries.

Instead of exploiting Arab wealth and natural resources in a negative manner, it would seem more appropriate to look for positive ways for their deployment in furtherance of Arab causes and interests. What comes to mind is putting Arah economic and financial capabilities to assure the Arab World a voice in Western journalism and other mass media in the West, through Arab investment and acquisition of effective voice in their operation.

As Arab interests and their side of the story especially in the Arab-Israeli context is getting less and less attention and fair hearing in the Western press, it would seem proper to make a daring effort to correct this situation by direct Arab investment. Surely the Arab World knows only too well that there is no way to make the West turn around in favour of fair play in the Middle East witbout changing Western press in the direction of fairness and justice towards the Middle East. No one is suggesting that the Arabs obtain enough controlling interest in Western press with a view to making it one-sided in favour of the Arah side. All that is suggested here is to have a fair press and a fair coverage of news in the Middle East. It is a well known fact that as long as Israel and the Jewish lobbyists all over the Western world continue to monopolise the press, there is no way to effect genuine transformation in

Western public opinion and in

turn realise a more balanced

official stance on the various dimensions of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Arab World has seen time and time again how official American positions on the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the Palestinian dimension, knuckle under everytime there is a daring effort in the direction of fairness. The U.S.

influence and duress of the Jewish lobby in Washington that it would be wiser to write it off as a potential catalyst for peace in the Middle East. This unfortunate state of American affairs is due to the ability of journalism and the mass media in the West in general and the U.S. in particular to manipulate Western public opinion in favour of Israel. The minute the Arab World succeeds in breaking this cycle of control and manipulation through direct Arab investment in Western mass media, the higher becomes the chances to realise genuine transformation in

Western capitals' stands on the

other aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

As things stand now, even the Palestinian intifada barely makes it even as a footnote in Western mass media. Evervone concedes this is manipulated by Jewish lobbyist in order to drive a wedge between the Western public and the Arab causes, especially the Palestinians struggle for liberty and self-determination.

To sum up, Arab wealth should be put to positive uses, above all in extricating a voice in the operation of mass media. in the Western world.



# Menem the star

By Ed McCullough The Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina - lion, about half the money in made the country his stage. If Argentina were a play, be would be producer, director and star. In the first year of his presidency, by personality as much as policy, Menem staved off hyperinflation, social tension and the military unrest that forced his predecessor to leave office 22 weeks early, on July 8, 1989.

Menem, the son of Syrian immigrants, was a provincial governor with a taste for showgirls and fast cars; he seemed an unlikely saviour.

However, the 60-year-old lawyer and career politician is adept and charming, manipulat-ing and improvising. He is blunt in one situation, ingenious in another. His greatest assets, observers say, are pragmatism and intuition.

He charted a course of fiscal austerity and political tolerance to jolt this South American nation from economic stagnation and political confrontation. In the process, be may transform

"I have never voted Peronist, but if I had to vote today, I'd vote for him." said Carlos Escude, an economist, author and university lecturer. "He is fascinating in his

strengths and weaknesses." This nation of 33 million people slid from affluence to nearruin in four decades.

When Menem took over, monthly inflation was 197 per cent, more than some countries see in a generation. In a fertile land that ships grain and beef to the world. Argnetines were eating in soup kitchens and looting

grocery stores.
His Peronist Party's history of economic nationalism and administrative incompetence was described as a cause of Argentina's

But the new president quickly separated himself from traditional Peronism. On his first day in office, Menem devalued the currency by 54 per cent and raised gasoline prices sixfold. Argentines were appalled.

He has acted with similar resolve since then, sometimes seeking consensus but often going. against public opinion and the counsel of his advisers.

In October, he pardoned military officers involved in the "dirty war against ichtists of 1976-83, removing a grievance that led to three uprising against former President Raul Alfonsin.

Diplomatic relations with Britain resumed this year after Menem agreed to suspend his country's claim to the Falkland Islands, over which the two nations fought a 74-day war in 1982 that was disastrous for Argentina.

"He is a man with a great virtue: He has no preconceived ideas," said Maria Julia Alsogaray, a Menem appointee from a. Conservative Party that is anothema to traditional Peronists. Some of the greatest changes

have been economic. Savings accounts worth \$2 bil-

President Carlos Menem has circulation, were converted to 10year government bonds in January to stop speculation against the austral, Argentina's currency. The austral has been stable for several months.

Companies nationalised or created by dictator Juan Peron, who founded Menem's party in the 1940s, were put up for sale.

U.S. and Spanish investors bought the telephone company last month and the state airline, Aerolineas Argentinas, will change bands later this year. Menem halted subsidies to pri-

vate companies, reduced the budget deficit, lifted controls on exchange rates and prices, lowered tariffs, partially deregulated the oil industry and encouraged agricultural production. New private investment in

energy and transportation alone are projected to surpass \$6 billion before Menem's term ends in Many of Menem's actions have

been taken at great social cost, for which organised labour, leftist political parties and buman rights groups revile him. Old-style Peronists call him a traitor.

At least 40 per cent of Argentina's 12.7 million workers are unemployed or underemployed, according to labour department figures. Opposition economists say inflation shrank to about 13 per cent for June only because the recession is so deep.

Real wages for government employees have declined drastically. Policemen, paid the equivalent of \$100 a month, usually have at least one other job and the crime rate is soaring. Teachers have boycotted classes off and on during most of this school year.

The middle class is declining in numbers and living standard. The low quality of care at some public hospitals is scandalous. Many more beggars and homeless people are on the streets, bying in doorways and abandoned build-

Menem is blamed for these things and more.

Alfonsin's Civic Radical Un-

ion, the second-largest party in Argentina, claims he "stacked" the supreme court by increasing itfrom five judges to nine and filling the new seats with Peron-

Newspaper editorials say his trip to Italy for the first match in Argentina's defense of the World Con was frivolous, that his driving of speedboats and rally cars in

His separation this year from his wife of 24 years. Zulema Yoma, was treated as a soap opera. Menem didn't help by barring her from the presidential residence; she complained loudly ontside the gate.

Whatever bis problems, Menem's approval in the polls has never dipped below 47 per cent, the share of the vote he won in the May 1989 election. Sometimes it has exceeded 80 per cent, and nobody wonders who is in

# Levy doesn't want to be seen as an 'ostrich'

By Jack Redden

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — Israel's new Foreign Minister. David Levy, may not know English, but he would bave to hury his head in the sand not to hear the word from Washington these

days.

Taxed by an Israeli newspaper interviewer wbo said the United States was treating his government with "public contempt and insults,"Levy bridled.

"I am certainly aware of this," he said, making no attempt to gloss over the perilous state of Israel's most important foreign relationship. "I am not an ostrich.'

Levy has now been invited to meet U.S. Secretary of State James Baker in Paris this month, although he recently suffered a mild beart attack and is waiting for medical clearance before committing himself.

Baker topped all previous thrusts with a public suggestion last month that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir should telephone when he gets serious about making peace with Israel's Arab neighbours.

Such hiting remarks seem to show that U.S.-Israeli differences go much deeper than one-issue arguments that ruffled relations in the past.

"People resort to letters and effective means of communication are not pursued," said Shai Feldman of the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies. "We would be much better off to sit down and find new common ground."

Diplomacy between the two countries recently has centred on a letter from Shamir explaining his position.

Israeli officials said they hoped it would improve relations, but



the Americans made clear they

found little positive in it. "I'm worried the crisis is much more serious, with much more serious implications for the infrastructure of the relationship," Feldman told Reuters.

An atmosphere of distrust has emerged, underlined by an obvious lack of rapport between Shamir and U.S. President

Shamir's new right-wing goverament has also alienated many of the American Jews who are a vital factor in ensuring U.S. sup-

Feldman believes before the military alliance was strengthened in the 1980s, the countries had grown close because they felt they shared values such as commitments to democracy and bnman rights.

Washington are perceiving Israel express them. as a strategic asset but there are increasing questions about the values beld by Israel."

Behind the specific disagreements over terms for convening Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo that dominate recent diplomacy are much more fundamenta doubts about Israeli intentions.

Thirty-one months of news about Israeli efforts to suppress the Palestinian revolt in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip erased what remained in Americans' minds of Israel's valuable image as the underdog of the Middle East conflict.

Although the choice of a foreign minister with a linguistic disadvantage surprised many, the

"In a sense there has been a policies Levy, a French speaker, change in the classical roles," esponses will be far more impor-Feldman said. "Many people in "rain than the language he uses to

"To be successful as foreign ister, be has to make sure that the relationship with the United States and the American Jewish community does not deteriorate," Feldman said.

The record so far is not reassuring. Levy was one of the "constraints ministers" in the previous government who opposed even Shamir's slow steps towards peace talks with Palestinians.

"We are trying," Levy countered when asked a week ago hy the Israeli newspaper interviewer about U.S. doubts over Israel's commitment to peace.

But he added: "we are not going to grovel before the United States and crawl to it."

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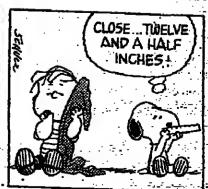
### **Andy Capp**



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# Apartheid disappears in smoke from a barbecue

By Philippa Fletcher Router

JOHANNESBURG - "No mama, I don't believe you," the servants giggled when Minah Nkosi told them she, also a black, was a gnest in a white home.

Nkosi was strolling with her hostess, Jessie Jameson, when they met the off-duty maids chatting on a grassy verge in the prosperous whites-only Johannesburg suburb of Edenvale.

Then apartheid is over" one exclaimed when Nkosi convinced them that not only were she and Jameson friends, but that the white woman had stayed in her own black township home.

After 40 years of race segregation, the South African government has at last sat down with the black African National Congress (ANC) to discuss ending apar-

But while President F.W. De Klerk has tea with ANC leader Nelson Mandela, ordinary South Africans rarely socialise across the racial divide.

The law restricting movement between black townships and white suburbs has been scrapped, hut stubborn psychological harriers persist and blacks and whites rarely entertain one another at home

Nkosi and Jameson belong to a Christian group called Koinonia trying to break down those bar-

They and other Koinonia members recently met up at the home of a white couple, Reg and Maureen Jager, for a "braaivleis" or barbecue.

"Blacks from work used to help me out at home sometimes, but it was awkward when we sat

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down to eat," said Reg Jager, whose wife belongs to Koinonia. "But this is different," he

added, glancing at black faces tucking into meat and salad around his garden table.

The visitors came from Tembisa, a dusty township 10 kilometres from Jager's home. The black townships of South

Africa are strange, unknown places for most whites. They are almost never visited and usually they are invisible from white cities. Whites know of them only through newspapers when there are outbreaks of anti-apartheid

When Maureen went off to spend her first weekend in Tembisa with 60 other whites, her conservative husband refused to get involved. Her mother cried in fear for her safety and her nineyear-old son exclaimed: "gosh, mom, you've got courage."

But she returned home unscathed and struck by the warmth of the welcome she had received.

She was also appalled by the conditions in which black people live in the areas allowed them under racial zoning laws. The tiny homes are overcrowded and commonly lack hasic facilities such as electricity and bathrooms.

She invited her hosts, Peter and Genevieve Matsobane, back to Edenvale.

"I was a little bit dubious, about how my husband and my children would react," said Mau-

"Bnt Reg handled the situation with great ease. I was surprised by how sim ar they were with their philosophical approach to

A few years ago, Jager, a obarmaceutical salesman, and

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Matsobane, a plumber, would have been enemies.

Jager served for more than two ears as an army conscript while Matsobane served in then-outlawed Pan Africanist Congress, a radical black organisation pledged to overthrow white rule.

Jager blames military service, compulsory for all white males, for hardening his attitude towards blacks.

Matsobane is not bitter about the past, although he said he was arrested and tortured by police. "We must just forgive and forget. I think most blacks have done that," he said.

Jager was amazed to hear Matsobane say he now shares his admiration for reformist president De Klerk and would vote for him if he carries out his promise to give hlacks the vote.

Matsobane and the other blacks seemed quite relaxed in the comparative luxury of Jager's house and garden. Their children played together happily by the swimming pool.

The blacks were struck by the quiet of Edenvale compared with Tembisa, where 16 people often cram into a four-roomed house and privacy is virtually unknown.

While conversation began awkwardly with talk of black and white social customs, the party was soon laughing over the past. "A few years ago if you had a gathering like this you would be called a communist," said Jessie

Jameson. "And we would have been called 'self-outs," said Nkosi, In the warm afternoon sunshine, both possibilities seemed

as hazy as the smoke rising from



With the discovery of oil, the modern world is slowly penetrating the old Kingdom of the

dellais lies

Queen of Sheba. But craftsmen still ply their trade as they have for 2000 years.

# emen did it first

By Phillippa Neave

NEW YORK - Months before the two Germanies started talking about unification, two Arab states — former bitter enemies were quietly taking steps to do just that, burying the liatcher and, in the case of South Yemen, discarding the hard-line Marxist ideology that made this country the only communist Arab nation.

Watching this process initiated many months ago and that culminated in the official creation of one Yenten in May, an acute observer might have recognised an early version of the changes that were to alter so dramatically the so-called East bloc since last winter. Now there might still be a lesson to be drawn from the meshing of North and South Yemen, despite all odds and in the face of deep social, political and economical differences.

When the Islamic, pro-Western, Arab republic of (North) Yemen and the Marxist, secular People's Demoratic Republic of (South) Yemen officially announced the unification of their two countries on May 21, political analysts were surprised at the speed with which the deal was made, ahead of schedule. in Both nations have always considered the border between them, drawn by the British and the Ottomans in 1904, as artificially imposed, yet in their long history the two have rarely been ruled as a single entity, and previous attempts at unifying failed. This time several new factors intervened.

"The urge for unity has always been there and there has always been a genuine sense of Yemeni identity and nationalism. The issue of unity was popular and both sides of the border," commented Gregory Gause, assistant director of the Middle East Institute at New York's Columbia University. "The difference this rime, is that past attempts (in 1972 and 1976) came as the result of military confrontation and one side getting the upper hand," added Gause, and expert on Ye-

while his South Yemeni counterpart Ali Salem Al Beid, secretary general of the Socialist Party, serves as vice-president. Sana'a, the former capital of the North is now the capital of the new state. while the southern capital of Aden - one of the busiest harhours in the worrld during the 1950s — is to be the country's commercial centre. The nanon will have full control of the strategic straights of Bab Al Mandah which form the entrance

Red Sea and the Suez Cannal, Gause and other experts agree that deep changes in the Soviet Union's foreign policy and its decreasing support for allies around the world, including South Yemen, were a key factor in the unification process. "If the Soviets really wanted to stay in South Yemen and wanted to do a lot there, we would not have seen this unity," said Gause.

from the Indian Ocean into the

Soviet presence, military and otherwise, in South Yemen had decreased steadily since 1986, when a civil war killed an estimated 10,000 people and caused an outpouring of refugees into the North. Under a friendship agreement the Soviets maintained up to 18,000 troops in the country and had built air, radar and naval stations. South Yemen also was home to a squadron of the Soviet Navy and air and missile units. In addition, East German advisers set up a feared secret police force. Repression and the ban of all religious activiries -- including the closure of hundreds of mosques - stiffled dissent, but the regime sent an estimated 40,000 Yemenis to scores of concentration camps.

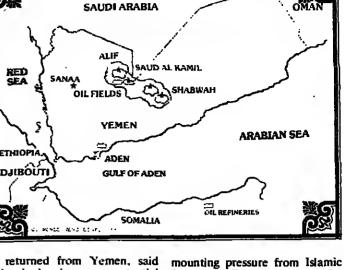
"The USSR has had a large naval and air facility. It is the anchor of the Soviet naval route in the Indian ocean, but with the changes in the USSR, in its priorities and military strategy, 1 am not sure it is still a major consideration," Gause said. Although the USSR is likely to want to retain some port rights in Mengistu in nearby Ethiopia —

the new Republic of Yemen. Meanwhile, most East German and Cuban military advisers have left, and about 2000 Soviet advisers remain.

> Having celebrrated with enthusiasm the merging of their countries, Yemenis now face the serious challenge of smoothing over fundamental differences between the secular South - a poor country of 2 million and the more prosperous North with its population of 9 million and its strong religious tradition. A progressive South Yemeni leader, Ali Nasser Mohammed who was ousted by a violent coup in 1986, had initiated a series of economic reforms to free-up a certain amount of private enterprise in agriculture and fishing, but his successor returned the country to the shackles of a centrally planned socialist economy with the state in almost total control of a moribund

Yet the South is to be the economic focus of the new Republic of Yemen with the port of Aden as its core. "There is talk of restoring Aden as a free port," said Gause "but major refurbishment and capital improvements are needed."

"Aden could become like Hong Kong," noted John Mandaville, professor of Middle Eastern History at Portland State University and president of the American Institute of Yemeni Studies. Mandaville, who recent-



ly returned from Yemen, said Aden is drawing many potential investors. "There is a stampede of people coming down from the North to buy up shops and businesses. The three major companies that dominate the corporate world in the North are run and owned by people originally from the South. They will come back."he added.

The recent discovery of oil reserves estimated at 2 hillion barrels in the area of the former border betweens the two Yemens bodes well for the future. According to World Bank figures, the average income for 1988 in North Yemen was \$650 a year; in the South it was \$430. Experts say it will take two years non. "A united Yemen is more before a major unified economic policy is forged, "We will see a Yemen that conducts a fairly united policy in terms of the outside world, but economically and poli-

tically, I think we will sec the

continuation of two pretty diffe-

rent systems for a while," said

Because of its somewhat isolated position, Yemen is unlikely to benefit from the same kind of large-scale investments from ahroad promised to Eastern European nations, "but, we can hope that there will be more investment from Yemenis abrozo who have kept their earnings out of the formal economy," Gause noted. Though it is impossible to estimate the earnings of the hundreds of thousands of Yemenis who work mostly in the neighbouring oil-rich Arab states. Gause added that if the country appears stable, this could turn into a promising source of funds.

Drawing up a new political system is already under way: both sides have merged their armed forces and have agreed to attempt at unification

In the North, President Saleh had allowed some political opposition, but he had faced

fundamentalists opposed to the secular ways of the South and from fractious tribal leaders still ruling in remote areas. How much political representation, if any, the fundamentalists, tribal leaders and other opposition forces in both the North and South will get depends on how the general elections, scheduled for 1992, are held, "It will be a much more open political atmosphere than it has ever been in the past... It has been agreed that there will be more political plur-

alism," Gause said. Yemen will probably emerge as a new force in the region, if only because of the size of its populapopulous that Saudi Arabia and if it can develop its resources, even if it cannot be as wealthy, it can present itself as an alternative pole of power in the (Arab) peninsula," Gause said. Having recently completed a book on relations between Saudi Arabia and the two Yemens, Gause believes that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will be less wary of a united Yemen now that Soviet influence has receded in the

In any case, Yemen has a lot of problems to tackle before it can flex some political muscle. Gause said. Priorities include building roads, modernising means of communications, and educating a population that shows a high ratio of illiteracy.

Although North Yemen clearly led the way in the unification process, southerners are clearly eager for a change. "There has been a total collapse of faith in the system since the 1986 coup, Mandaville said, "people are sick to death of the economic situation." But he warned, "it is going operate under a constitution to be chaotic for a while, there is jointly drafted in an earlier not enough skilled middle man-

> Commented an Arab diplomat in Aden: "The most important thing is that people (here) no longer live in fear."

Arah officials have generally welcomed the unification. A senior Egyptian diplomat at the United Nations noted: "It was weii overdue. It is a new symbol of the grrowing trend among Arabs to get together." He added that this would not alter the make-up of the Arab Cooperation Council set up in February 1989 between North Yemen, Jordan, Egypt and Iraq.

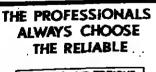
"Unlike any other country of the region, Yemen is a natural nation state, it is historically and culturally homogenous," con-cluded Mandaville. "Despite numerous practical difficulties. the re-unining of the Yemeni family after centuries can only he seen as a positive step opening the way for a new era of prosperity and harmony." - World News





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The second secon

# Edberg wins the Wimbledon singles title

By Brian creighton Reuter

LONDON - Stefan Edberg won the Wimbledon men's singles title for the second time Sudnay, staring defeat in the face before beating off a determined fight back by defending champion Boris Becker.

The 24-year-old Swede was 3-1 down in the final set but then broke the West German twice to win a giorious battle 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4 in two minutes under three hours.

For two sets Edberg tormented the West German with slowballing tactics that the 22-year-old Becker, seeking his fourth title in six years, could not come to grips

Edberg hit soft, low returns which Becker invariably volleyed into the net or out of court. After two sets he looked thoroughly

It was reminiscent of the 1975 final when American Arthur Asbe used the same ploy to defeat defending champion Jimmy Connors of the United States to capture the title against all the

But Edberg, who lost to Beck-

ROME (R) — Diego Maradona

believes the Argentine soccer

team will go into decline after the

World Cup and will not contest

another final for many years be-

cause the country's young players

ROME (R) — Azeglio Vicini,

castigated by millions of his fe-

llow-Italians for not bringing the

the World Cup home, was proud

Sunday that his squad's cup cam-

paign oooetheless ended with

that we didn't get further, but we

finished with our peace of mind

restored," he said after the team

returned to Rome from Bari

where they beat England 2-1 in

the third-place playoff Saturday

can go home in a good frame of

mind," the manager added be-

fore taking his players off for lunch with Italian Prime Minister

The World Cup ended in bit-

terness and shock for most Ita-

lians when their team was beaten

by Argentina in a semifinal penal-

Press and public called for Vici-

"We can hold our heads high,"

Vicini said. "We had six victories

penalties — and the way in which

the players conducted themselves

ty shoot-out five days ago.

"I think the boys, and all of us,

"There may he some bitterness

are not good enough.

heads held high.

Giulio Andreotti.

er in three sets last year's final after beating him in the 1988 final, could not sustain his brilliance and the West German, clawed his way back into the

When he drew level after four sets, the tide had swung his way. Once he had broken Edberg to lead 3-1 in the final set the Wimbledon crown seemed certain to remain on his head. But Edberg, helped by some wayward

volleying from the German, im-

mediately broke back. Then at 4-4 he broke Becker again with a devastating backhand lob to the corner that his opponent could only stand and

Serving for the match Edberg got to 40-15 and two championship points. Becker saved the first with a service return but Edberg's next service shot high into the air off the frame of Becker's racket to drop wide of the sideline and give the Swede

After raising his arms in triumph Edberg stripped off his shirt and hurled it into the crowd. It was the first time for almost

100 years that the same two men had played the final three years in

Argentine team will go into decline -

Speaking to journalists before Sunday's final against West Ger-

many, Maradona said: "I want to

win the World Cup because this

will be my last match for Argenti-.

"We didn't come first, that was

perhaps that we deserved more.

but football is like that."

was exemplary."

player as well."

in the future.

a row. Wilfred Baddeley of Bri-tain and Joshna Pim of Ireland Two games later he met in four successive finals from 1891 to 1894.

youngest champion and the first unseeded winner when he won for the first time in 1985 at the age of 17, collected his second title in 1986 and his third last

Edberg took the first set in 28 minutes, quickly putting behind him the memory of last year's final in which he lost the first set without taking a game.

Each man held his first service game but Edberg struck in the third game. A poor volley from Becker and three sparkling Edberg returns produced the first break of the match. Two games later, Edberg

broke Becker again to take a 4-1 lead. The second set was identical, Edberg again breaking Becker in the third and fifth games. In the third game, Edberg

forced another low volleying mistake from Becker before the German double-faulted with a feeble second serve to hand Edberg two game points.

Edberg seized the first with a magnificent backhand lob which

occasion of my career and it will

also begin a difficult period for

my country returns to fight for another World Cup final. The

"Long years will pass before

the Argentine side.

Two games later he broke Becker to love.

Becker, showing just why he is Becker, who hecame the a champion, took the third set after saving a break point in the first game with a low volley off the sort of return that had been giving him so much trouble.

Taking heart from that, he held serve then broke Edberg for the first time in the second game. Giving Edberg a dose of his

own medicine, Becker hit a soft low service return that the Swede netted, then his favourite cross court return from the forehand side gave him three game points.

Edberg saved two but Becker won the third, hlasting a backhand return crosscourt past the incoming Edberg on a second In the fourth set, Edberg saved three break points from 0-40 in

the first game and then held a point to break Becker's serve in the second. But the Swede dropped his serve in the next game, double faulting for the third time in the match at 30-all, and Becker again

broke through in the ninth game to send the match into the fifth-

talented players and they don't

Maradona said his unpopular-

ity with most Italians was unjus-

know how to suffer."

# international soccer

BARI (R) — England goalkeeper Peter Shilton, who holds the world record for caps, retired from international soccer after his team's World Cup defeat in the third place playoff Saturday.

Shilton retires from

"There are three or four good young goalkeepers coming along and it is time now for them to have their chance," said Shilton, at 40 the oldest player in the World Cup finals.

Shilton, who made his 125th appearance for Eogland in Saturday's 2-I loss to Italy, said he would continue playing for his English cluh Derby County for at least another two years.

"I love playing football and while I can continue playing at the top I will do so," he said. Shiltoo said his decision had been made before the World Cup finals where England have had their best showing for 24 years.

"It would have been a dream come true to win the tournament but even if we had I would have made the same decision because the time is right now," said Shil-

England Manager Bobby Robson, who is also leaving the side to go to Dutch chuh PSV Eindhoven, paid tribute to his goalkeeper, who was made captain for the night Saturday in the goalkeepers we have ever seen and for me I've not seen a hetter goalkeeper in this tournament than Peter Shilton," said Robsoo.

absence of the injured Bryan

Robsoo and his usual stand-in

He is one of the greatest

Terry Butcher.

The manager, who has had an often stormy relationship with the media, added with a smile: "It is nice for me that he felt he should go at the same time hut I doo't expect we will both be missed."

During the month-loog finals, Shilton passed Northern Irish goalkeeper Pat Jennings' record of 119 international appearances but saw a record of his own - for keeping a clean sheet for 50I minutes during the later stages of the 1982 World Cup and the early part of the 1986 event - fall to Italy's Walter Zenga.

Unfortunately, his last appearance for England was marred by an error which led to Italy's opening goal.

Shilton was unaware that striker Roberto Baggio was lurking behind him as be casually cleared a back pass, The Italian raced in to roh the keeper and, after a one-two with Salvatore Schillaci, scored as Shilton was left stranded out of goal.

## **Prost wins French Grand Prix**

LE CASTELLET, France (R) -French world champion Alain Prost claimed Ferrari's 100th vic- started from pole position did not tory in Formula One motor rac- finish but led briefly - one of the perfectly-jodged triumph at the French Grand Prix.

Winning his third race of the season since joining Ferrari and his second in succession, Prost also completed a hat-trick of personal victories on the Le Castellet Circuit in southern France.

His win hoisted him up to second place in the World Drivers' Championships with 32 points, three behind leader Ayrton Senna of Brazil who finished

third in a McLaren. Prost, starting from fourth on the grid, timed his run to perfectioo and after following Italian Ivan Capelli's Leyton House for more than 40 laps took the lead on the 78th lap of the 80 lap race. Prost finished in one hour 33

mioutes and 29.606 seconds. Capelli finished second ahead of Senna, Brazilian Nelson Pi-Gerhard Berger in the second McLaren and Italian Riccardo Patrese who was sixth in a Wil-

Briton Nigel Mansell who race's seven different leaders. His engine blew seven laps from the end but he had the satisfaction of clocking the fastest lap of the race in 1:08.012.

Prost's victory increased his career record to 42 wins from 160 starts and kept the world cham-

pionship race wide open.
Prost was delighted with his victory and paid a rich tribute to the Ferrari team for their hard

work in the last two races. "We (Ferrari) have now won two races in succession and that is great for the motivation of the team and good for the serenity of the team," be said. "It is also

good for the championship." Prost said he felt very optimistic about the rest of the season, particularly as Ferrari have still to introduce their new V-12 engine.

so far seen only in qualifying. The Frenchman said he had great difficulties during the race quet's Benetton, Austrian in finding a way of overtaking and had particular problems in passing Capelli who led from the 33rd lap to the 78th.

#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

KEEP CONTROL WITH TRUMPS Both vulnerable. South deals.

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six-card suit, so South's problem should have been whether to pass or raise to game in clubs-11 tricks are can. It's too tough for you!

easy with the diamond finesse suc-ceeding. But South allowed his own 100 honors to blind him to the best spot and the result was a shaky partial.

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West led the king of spades and shifted to the jack of hearts and, another, declarer ruffing the second round. With only one entry to dummy declarer could not afford to go for the diamond finesse. However, playing off the acc and king of diamonds was tantamount to conceding defeat unless the queen of diamonds dropped—whicever de-fender held the queen would be able to ruff s club before South had discarded all the spades from the closed band, and another spade trick would have to be conceded.

Declarer found a neat way to maintain control of the hand by leading a low diamond to the nine. East won the queen and forced declarer with the ace of hearts. South ruffed, drew trumps and then ran

require considerable skill.

North's double was 'negstive,' What if East allows the nine of showing the unbid suits. The bid of diamonds to win? If that defender four clubs had to promise at least a can make the play in tempo without giving away his trump holding, get out of the game as quickly as you

# Yellow and red cards taint fair world cup

where fair play reigned most of the way, suspensions and a record number of yellow and red cards notice. tainted many matches, including the final.

The injured parties sometimes claimed the refereeing was biased, and many World Cup matches again showed the human failings of the men in black. The World Cup opened with

two expulsions, when Cameroon constantly ran the Argentine attack into the ground with fouls to cause a stunning 1-0 unset. The final was played without three Argentine mainstays, in-

eluding star striker Claudio Caniggia, because of suspensions. making the match against West Germany anything but a battle on equal terms. But overall, the World Cup resembled more the comments of

coach Bobby Robson after England's 2-1 loss against the home nation in the third place playoff. "The teams played in great spirit and friendliness," he said. After the match the players ming-

led and posed together for pictures, all in good cheer. This went hand in hand with the most stringent World Cup refereeing - which produced a

record 166 yellow and 14 red cards in the games leading up to the final. One red card and two yellow

cards led to automatic one-game

ROME (AP) - In a World Cup suspensions and befty fines. It cansed many coaches into wholsesale changes at short

"It is a great problem," said Cameroon coach Valery Nepomnyhashchy. "Coaches have set-tled on their best teams and to revise it is difficult." he said. adding mass suspensions lowered the quality of the matches.

Cameroon reached the second

round with two starters sidelined because of red cards, but four starters missed the quarterfinal after foul play earned them sus-pensions. The African nation finally lost to England 3-2. FIFA President Joao Have-

lange, after calling for the tough refereeing, said it all was for the good of the game. Citing little violence on the

pitch, Havelange said "all has been respected." Few games had vicious incidents compared to earlier World Cups, when less red cards were shown. In Italy many cards were bran-

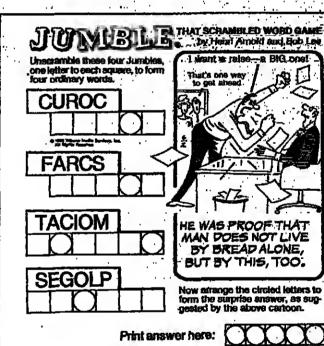
dished with abandon for infringments that seemed to merit a cantionary finger at best.

With so much at stake, refereeing again came under heavy

attack for alleged favouritism. When Diego Maradona handled the ball and prevented a goal in a first-round match that sentthe Soviet Union out of the tournament, Coach Valery Lobanovsky was red-hot with anger.



expression that you're trying to hide something!"



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# THE Daily Crossword by Norma Stainberg



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Vicini was lavish in his praise for Salvatore Schillaci, the dart-Sicilian striker who has been placed third. the revelation of the tournament Saturday's third-place playoff, and whose penalty against England made him the World Cup's

"The final will be the last big problem is the new generation of

Vicini proud of Italy's World Cup performance

top scorer with six goals. Schillaci went beyond all expectations. In this past month the transformation in his level of play On the pitch, England's Gary has been really incredible," said "He's not just a good runner,

He brushed off criticism from Gianluca Vialli who complained that he had been overlooked by Vicini. "It was his muscles that hetrayed him," the manager said of his disgruntled striker.

"Tve got great faith in this ni's head hut the Italian Soccer squad, I think we played at a high Federatioo said he would stay on level, with great professional con-

duct both on and off the field," Vicini said, adding that most of the players were young enough to and one draw - we lost only on

go onto more great achievements

"But it is premature to talk of the oation that not all England's the future. First we can all go for followers were boohgans. a few days holiday."

a big disappointment. We showed Italy went out of the World Cup with the chant of "champions champions" ringing io their ears as 50,000 delirious fans ignored the fact that the team had

out the smile back on everyone's face after both team's bitter disappointment at being knocked out of the semifinals in penalty

Lineker emhraced Italy's Salvatore Schillaci, handing over the baton from the top scorer of the now he's showed be's a very good 1986 finals to the top scorer here - unless a West German or Argentine player outdoes Schillaci with a clutch of goals in Sunday's final.

> Managers Bohhy Robson and above all, sporting match.

Vicini swapped compliments after a beautifully played and, In the stands, the few English fans who had made the long trip south exchanged flags with the

In the press conference room.

and Roberto Baggio, maintained

Italy's record here of being unbeaten in regulation time and sealed the nation's favourite argument that, but for the cruel quirk of penalty shoot-outs, they should have been champions for a record fourth time,

The win, with goals by Schillaci

Vicini paid tribute to Eogland, who equalised through a David Platt header in the 81st minute but then saw Italy take the lead again five minutes later when Schillaci scored from a penalty. "They are a superb side," said Vicini. "They have learned how

to add precision and imagination to the typical British game." Robson, happy with his team's most successful World Cup showing sioce they won the tropby in 1966, said he was sad to be leaving the squad after eight years. He takes over as coach of Dutch club PSV Eindhoven this

"A great part of my life ha come to a close," Robsoo said. "But it ends in the best possible way - this match was so good it could quite easily have been the

final."

Italians as they watched their teams take a lap of honour together and finally convinced

# **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

**Menotti castigates Argentine team** ROME (R) - Former Argeotine coach Cesar Menotti Sunday castigated World Cup finalists Argentina for failing in defence and turning their back on flair in attack. "I can't understand a team that is trained to defend and has four or five goal chances a match created against it," said Menotti, an outspoken critic of manager Carlos Bilardo's style of play. "This team failed in defence," Menotti, coach of Argentina's first World Cup-winning team in 1978, said in an interview. Menotti, whose national sides had a reputation for exciting, attacking football, has accused Bilardo of betraying the traditional South American game through an obsession with tactics, set pieces and man-to-man marking. Citing Argentina's semifinal win over Italy, Menotti said Bilardo's side only troobled European opposition wheo they

#### attacked with creativity and skill. Konishiki wins Sumo opening bout

NAGOYA, Japan (AP) - Ozeki (champion) Konishiki of the United States pushed Sekiwake (junior champion) Kotofuji out of the ring Sunday in his opening bout of the 15-day Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament. The 239-kilogramme Konishiki, wearing a bandage on his left ankle, charged the I45-kilogramme Kotofuji with hand thrusts to the throat. Konishiki's ankle trouble started wheo he came back in mid-June from three days of exhibitioo matches in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He was hospitalised for six days last mooth and resumed regular practice a week ago. The 26-year-old Hawaiian, whose real name is Salevaa Fuauli Atisanoe, wound up the last tournament in May with a 12-3 record. Sumo officials say Konishiki has a chance to be promoted to Sumo's highest rank of

#### Yokozuna (grand champion) if he wins this tournament. Hill retains light heavyweight title

BISMARCK, North Dakota (AP) — Virgil Hill retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) light heavyweight crown for the ninth time, winning a unanimous 12-round decision Saturday over Tyrone Frazier. All three judges scored the bout 120-108 in favour of Hill, who improved his record to 28-0. Frazier, who has fought as a super middleweight most of his career, is 17-2-3. Hill, using a 10-centimetre reach advantage, scored well with his left jabs and hooks although he threw more right hands than in previous fights. The fight was his first since he broke the thumb on his left hand in April, and Hill's trainer wanted the champion to use the right more often. Frazier, 23, of Philadelphia, pressed the champion most of the fight but had trouble keeping up with Hill's foot and hand speed. There were no knockdowns in the fight, but Hill staggered Frazier momentarily in the second round with a right-left combination and knocked the challenger heavily into the

#### ropes as the final bell rang. 'Lendi should seek help from King'

LONDON (R) — Record-breaking women's champion Martina Navratilova has advised Ivan Lendl to seek help from former winner Billie Jean King to revive his ill-fated bid for a first Wimhledon men's title. After beating fellow American Zina Garrison to win a record ninth women's singles title, Navratilova said that Lendl needed to take a different approach on grass and that King was the person to help him. "Billie Jean is one of the best tennis minds out there and if she can change my ways, I know she would help him," she said. "He needs to be more flexible in his tactics. I think he needs to be a serve and volleyer the whole of the year and not just four to six weeks prior to

## **West German wins 2nd fencing title**

LYON, France (R) — West Germany's Anja Fichtel won her second world championship individual foil title, crushing young Italian Giovanna Trillini in two easy sets. Fichtel, who won the foil title in Sofia in 1986, beat Trillini in the final five hits to two in each set. The West German lost just one set eo route to the final and a place in the fencing record books. She has been world junior champioo twice, in 1985 and 1988, and also won two Olympic gold medals in 1988. Soviet Tatiana Sadovskaja took a set from Fichtel in the quarter-finals before she met old rival Olga Velitchko, also of the Soviet Union, in the last four. Velitchko, last year's world champion, was swept aside in two sets 6-4, 5-2 and had to be satisfied with the bronze medal. Trillini, still a junior, showed fine style against Fichtel but lacked the West

#### German's experience. Mister Frisky released from clinic

CLARKSBURG, New Jersey (AP) — Marta Fernandez-Polo's Mister Frisky was released Saturday from the New Jersey Equine Clinic following treatment for a life-threatening growth behind his Adam's apple. However, officials said Mister Frisky's prognosis for elite racing performance remains unknown. The retropharyngeal abscess impaired Mr. Frisky's cranial nerve function. Officials said in a statement that said the function could take months to return to oormal. Mister Frisky was released after tests showed no signs of infection or abnormalities. However, he will continue to receive oral antibiotics for the next week or two, the clinic said. Mister Frisky, who was favoured to win the Kentucky Derby but finished eighth, arrived at the New Jersey Equine Clinic oo May 31 after his New York veterinarian, Dr. Robert Fritz, decided the abscess needed special treatment.

#### Vialli apologises for outburst

ROME (R) - Italian striker Gianluca Vialli has apologised to his World Cup team mates for an angry ontburst in which he accused coach Azeglio Vicini of treating him like a workhorse. "I made a mistake talking like that," said Vialli who had poured out his disappointment after being excluded for the third place playoff against England Saturday. "If I could go back I would wipe it all out." Vialli, once Italy's most consistent scorer but off form at the World Cup after a thigh injury and a loss of confidence, missed three of Italy's earlier matches at the finals. Brought back for the semifinal against Argentina, which Italy lost after a penalty shoot-out, he criticised Vicini for pushing him into an unfamiliar supporting role to Salvatore Schillaci. But after Italy's 2-1 victory over England in the playoff in Bari, Vialli repented. "I made a mistake because I have only just realised that some things, said on the eve of an important match, upset the atmosphere." Vialli said, "It was the very last thing I should have done. Out of respect for my team mates I will behave differently another time."

Jordan and Yemen

consider setting up

By Joumana Halasa

Special to the Jordan Times

estimated capital or the equity

distribution of the project,

which if sited in Jordan will be

built in the south, where most

raw materials are easily avail-

He said present plans call for

a total production of 20,000

tonnes of glassware, including

containers for water and soft

drinks, bottles for phar-

maceuticals and cosmetics and

According to Obeid, the

production in the initial years

would go exclusively to the

Yemeni and Jordanian mar-

kets with possibilities to export

to the Arab markets at a later

to be semi-electronic, will em-

ploy about 200 to 250 people.

according to Obeid.

The plant, which is expected

"This project has a lot of

economic benefits for the

Jordanian and Yemeni par-

ties," Obeid told the Jordan

Times. A joint committee en-

trusted with implementing the

project is headed by Obeid on

the Jordanian side and by

Yousef Abed Al Wadood for

held several meetings, includ-

The committee has already

housewares.

AMMAN — The Jordanian

and Yemeni private sectors are

seriously considering a propos-

al to set up a joint venture glass

factory, and definite shape is

expected to be given to the

project during a meeting to be

Farhi Obeid, director-

general of the Jordan Glass

Industries Company which

heads the Jordanian side in the

negotiations, said that several

studies conducted by interna-

tional companies since 1980

were under consideration for

According to Obeid, the

Jordanian and Yemeni sides

will meet in Amman July 14 to

study all the proposals and choose the best feasible project

as well as the site of the pro-

He expected that the meet-

ing will produce agreement

that Jordan is the right location

for the factory in view of the

availability in the Kingdom of

all raw materials except

sodium carbonate, which will

be produced in the near future.

Reports have said that Aden,

Sanaa and Amman were under

consideration as the site for the

Obeid said that it was too

early to arrive at a figure of the

the joint venture.

beld in Amman this week.

joint glass factory

# Renault bids for full control of Mack Trucks

PARIS (R) - French state-own- heavy debt load - at the end of ed motor group Renault, already saddled with heavy debts of its own, has said it would offer almost \$100 million to acquire full control of loss-making Mack Trucks Inc. in the United States.

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Jean-Pierre Capron, head of Renault's truck division, told a news conference he was determined to turn Mack around in three years and could do that more easily if Renault had full

Mack, which is already 45 per cent owned by Rensult, has not said if it supports the French bid. The group, which has about one eighth of the U.S. market, said separately that it expected a first balf net loss of about \$90 million. Capron said: "This is a

strategic operation, because in the long term it is important for Renault to be present on both sides of the Atlantic with similar market shares."

Renault, which earlier this year signed a wide-ranging alliance with Sweden's Volvo A.B., has about 12 per cent of the European truck market.

Capron said that it would have been more convenient for Renault to sell its stake in Mack but that it did not want to lose its 13 per cent share of the U.S. truck

Renault, in difficulty for many years, has turned around recently and last year reported profits of 9.3 billion francs (\$1.69 billion). 1989 it totalled 17.6 billion francs (\$3.2 billion).

In May the Brussels-based European Commission, which acts as the watchdog on industrial competition in the European Community, ordered Renault to pay back more than one quarter of the 12 billion francs in state aid it had received over the last six vears.

France also agreed to change Renault's protected "Regie" status, making it liable to bankrupt-

cy like any other firm. Regie Nationale Des Usines Renault, a family-owned com-pany until the end of World War II was nationalised after France was liberated in 1945 because the Renault family was accued of collaborating with the Nazis.

Mack, based in Allentown, Pennsylvania, said it had taken no position on the Renault bid. The U.S. company has been in financial difficulties for the last two years, hit hard by a downturn in its domestic truck industry which started just as Mack spent beavily to expand its ontput.

Renaolt said it would pay \$6 a share for the Mack shares. Mack shares rose \$1.25 to \$6.50 on New York's over-the-counter market after the bid, which Renault said it was making because of Mack's

poor financial situation. The offer, which will expire Aug. 8, covers 16.48 million shares and will cost Renault ab-But it continues to carry a out \$98.9 million.

## Stock brokerage to pay record fine to NYSE

NEW YORK (AP) - The brokerage bouse of Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. has agreed to pay the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) a record purchase stock in the same com-\$500,000 fine to settle allegations that it violated exchange rules in huying E.F. Hutton and Co. stock in 1986, the exchange has

Shearson agreed to pay the fine without admitting or denying wrongdoing, the NYSE said.

Shearson acquired a 4.9 per cent stake in Hutton in 1986, then sold the shares that October after the troubled brokerage's management rejected a Shearson takeover overture. Shearson, then known as Shearson Lehman Brothers, succeeded in acquiring Hutton the following year.

According to the stock exchange, Shearson violated its rules hy failing to announce on the exchange's floor when it bought the Hutton shares that they were intended for Shearson's own account, as opposed to

a customer's account. NYSE rules require that any brokerage that is an exchange

member must announce when it is buying shares for its own account. The rules also require that orders from the public to pany take priority over a broker-

age's order for its own account. The NYSE said in its disciplinary action that "on at least three occasions, the Shearson floor broker failed to yield priority to public orders for purchases of shares of Hutton.

The exchange also criticised the manner in which Shearsonsold its Hutton stake.

Shearson sold a third of its stake on Oct. 15, 1986, the same day Hutton management privately rejected Shearson's takeover offer. The next day, Hutton announced publicly that it was not engaged in any acquisition discussions with any party, causing Hutton's stock price to plunge

in heavy trading.
"We determined to settle now rather than go through protracted litigation," said Mike o'Neill, a vice president and spokesman for Shearson, whose majority owner is American Expres Co.

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#### to elusive IMF accord A Western economist said if everything went well, specialised

**Egypt inches closer** 

International Monetary Fund (IMF) on economic reform, but Western economists say it will need to take tougher action before a deal is clinched. After two years of bargaining.

months to bite the bullet. In spite of the risk of public wrath it sharply raised prices on a broad range of consumer goods to cut a gaping budget deficit — a key IMF demand — and moved to reform its interest rate struc-

Cairo has begun in the last two

ture and the exchange rate for the pound. Five IMF negotiators spent two weeks in Cairo last month and according to Western sources

took an Egyptian proposal back to Washington for further studay. They left more than cautiously optimistic." said a Western economist. "But the pressure is still on Egypt to press forward."

An IMF accord would lead to the rescheduling of some of Egypt's \$50 billion of debt and the release of new credits, including a \$300 million structural adjustment loan from the World

One economist told Reuters the Egyptian government, on the final day of talks, handed the IMF delegation a proposal for a letter of intent that would be the

basis for a final accord. Egypt's Middle East News Agency last week quoted an economy official as saying a new IMF team would be back before the end of July. But an IMF source

WEST BERLIN (AP) — Katrin cents.

Matthes got out of bed before

dawn Saturday, left her home in

southern East Germany and

drove three hours to West Berlin

She was among hundreds of

East Germans crowding into a

West Berlin store to huy meat,

butter and milk that, paradoxica-

wealthy West than the struggling

from Dresden paid 102 Deutsche-

marks (\$60) for groceries she said

will feed her and three Dresden

"It would have cost 300 marks

The stunning rise in prices just

days after the German states

merged their economies bas cre-

ated a scandal in both countries

and sent droves of East Germans

After the two nations unified

their economies on July 1, East German stores began filling their

shelves with Western products.

Bnt because East German

stores face substantially less com-

petition, their prices are not only

three or four times higher than

before economic unification, but

also often higher than the same

German media reported a

flood of East Germans heading

west Saturday, the first shopping

weekend since the economic mer-

ger and the first Saturday of the

month, when West German

stores by law are allowed to stay

At one store, a pound of salt

was selling for 21 cents, while in

East Berlin it was selling for 72

spacious kitchen and maid room.

open longer.

goods in West Germany.

into Western grocery stores.

(\$180) in East Germany," she

families in the next few days.

The 17-year-old factory worker

lly, are suddenly cheaper in the

to find food she can afford.

negotiating teams could be back in the country by August to discuss topics such as interest and exchange rates, the deficit and social policies.

A more powerful team would then come to negotiate the letter of intent by September by the

He said Egypt's huge budget deficit remained the higgest sticking point before an accord could be finalised.

In a 1987 agreement the Egyptians had promised to reduce their budget deficit to around 11 to 12 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) from around 15 per cent.

Ir is unclear how closely the target was met, partly because the two sides hotly dispute the way GDP should be calculated, he said.

Because of this IMF bas switched to an absolute figure. It is now asking Egypt to decrease its deficit by 30 per cent, or around two billion pounds (\$750 million), from what was suggested in the 1990/91 budget, the economist said. The fiscal year began July 1.

He said the government has been printing money to finance its deficit and, because of this, the IMF has predicted that inflation would soar to 60 or 70 per cent next year if it kept the deficit at its present level.

Economists think the government has gone about as far as it can on cutting food subsidies and said it was unlikely one would that there is little scope elsewhere tors of the economy.

Anna Neitman, a 22-year-old

student from the southern city of

Leipzig, said the East German

stores that were once state-owned

and sold food at government-set

prices are now taking advantage

sell, unless we come here," she

said as she stood outside a West

economist and a leading expert

on the East German agricultural

have to rebel to bring prices

these bigh prices," he said. "They

have to pay for bread that is four

times higher. They can get the

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Andries Kurjo, a West Berlin

economy, said consumers will he said.

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**Prices soar in East Germany** 

The emphasis instead is now on raising revenue. Cairo has been increasing fees on government services and more can be expected in the future. But still the revenue from this is tiny compared to what is needed.

A sales tax bas been proposed, but economists say collection would be a bureaucratic night-

Instead they said the IMF has come to the conclusion that perhaps the quickest and most practical means of deficit cutting would be to increase Egypt's grossly undervalued energy

Egypt has already agreed with the World Bank to increase energy prices gradually to reach world levels by 1992, but the IMF wants it to move even more quickly.

Economists expect step-by-step increases over the next year of electricity rates and oil, diesel and petrol prices. They said it was unlikely the

Egyptians would move much more on the exchange rate for the Egypt is suggesting the official exchange rate of around 2.70

pounds to the dollar be devalued by three or four per cent to around what it is trading on the free market in Port Said's free trade zone.

But they said there was room for movement on interest rates. The IMF will probably insist that Egypt stop its practice of lending at different rates to different sec-

asked consumers to report inst-

The East German parliament

Friday passed a law intended to

hreak up the two large grocery

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owned stores in their towns.

Kurjo, however, said he ex-pected few takers. "Who has the

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# dividends' GENEVA (AP) - A U.N.-

Monday.

The report also pressed for special efforts by the Western governments to help Eastern Furning overcome its debt so the former Soviet Bloc countries can move rapidly toward market economies "without incurring so-

The survey, prepared for U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar by former Italian prime minister Bettino Craxi, urged the seven "to continue on the road" toward greater Third

financial innovation and joint actions at a time when we can reap the greatest benefits from the

It urged Western governments 10 pump more funds into the plan and suggested new financing methods to spur the economies of

The Brady plan endorsed

But underfunding "does not allow the desired cuts at the desired rapid pace nor attract the desired amount of new money in countries subjected to this plan" Craxi said.

monopoly in the East German The law would allow communities to sell the formerly state-

debt crisis.
It urged other top industrial nations to follow Japan's lead in launching "a sweeping recycling plan" providing new money at highly preferentialy rates to developing countries and stocking

# Craxi points to 'peace

commissioned report Saturday urged the seven leading industrial nations to take new steps to ease the Third World debt burden when their heads of state meet

cial troubles,"

World debt relief.

A report summary warned of a deficit of will to carry out

'peace dividends'." Efforts toward erasing the Third World's \$1.2 trillion debt must go beyond a 1989 proposal by U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, the report said.

indebted developing nations.

efforts by Western commercial banks to cancel part of the \$400 billion they are owed by the largest debtors such as Mexico, Venezuela and Brazil. It called on the World Bank and International Monetary Fund to help provide guarantees for the remaining debt owed by poor countries and laso recognised that indebted countries need new

The report cited rising interest

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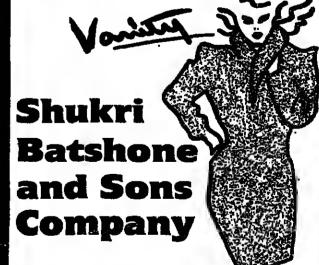
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# Rebels reject ceasefire, halt advance on Liberian capital

ABIDJAN (R) - Liberian rebels denied Sunday they had agreed to a ceasefire, as claimed by President Samuel Doe, and said they had halted their advance on Monrovia to avoid civilian casual-

civilians and is holding them hostage...what we are doing is taking precautions to make sure we can bring this madman under control without unnecessary killing of civilians," Tom Woewiyu, spokesman of the rebel National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), told Reuters by tele-

"Every entrance and every exit to the city has been closed by us." he said, adding that rebel forces were within three kilometres of Doe's heavily fortified beachfront

Woewiyu declined to say where he was speaking from hut said he was on his way to the Sierra Leone capital, Freetown, where be would lead the rebel delegation in peace talks due to resume

Tuesday.

The NPFL did not send delegates to last Friday's scheduled opening session of the talks, sponsored by the Economic Community of West African States

(ECOWAS). Woewiyu said the rebel movement was annoyed by ECOWAS attempts to impose preconditions

on a peace settlement. These included blocking NPFL leader Charles Taylor from the leadership of an interim government and sending and ECOWAS multinational peacekeeping force to Liberia to prevent reprisal killings, Woewiyu said.

Woewiyu said there would be

JOHANNESBURG (R) -

Fries said Sunday they had

arrested a number of white ex-

tremists after a series of bomb

attacks and threats to scuttle

apartheid reforms designed to

A police spokesman declined .

to say how many people bad been

detained. He said disclosure nf

further details would hamper in-

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) -

State television Saturday showed

film footage of intelligence agents

trying to coax nothrinus interna-

tional terrorist Carlos into leaving

The meeting took place in

1980, the year Carlos left the

country, at an Interior Ministry

office and was filmed without

Carlos's knowledge, state televi-

There was no indication of how

the film was obtained. Three

weeks ago, accusations surfaced

that former Communist leaders

permitted Carlos to use Hungary

as a base for his terrorist attacks.

Carlos, was a Moscow University

graduate who began his life as a

terrorist in London in 1973. He

headed Interpol's most wanted

list by 1975, when he allegedly

organised an attack in Vienna on OPEC oil ministers in which

Known as the "Jackal," he

Carios spoke fluent but

three people were killed.

remains at large.

Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, alias

Hungary.

sion said.

end white minurity rule.

"Doe is in there with a lot of tribe and the Mandingo trading community in the event of a rebel takeover, which diplomats in West Africa regard as imminent.

Diplomats have expressed fears that a rebei takeover might lead to revenge killings against the Krahns, who form the backbone of the government army, and the Mandingoes, closely associated with Doe's regime.

"There is no effort now to make the Krahn people or the Mandingoes a subject of retribution...we have to he very concerned about this because the world is watching us to see what bappens," he said.

Woewiyu said the NPFL had restrained its forces from entering the Krahn tribal homeland in Grand Geddeh country near the Ivory Coast border to avoid tribal killings, and had punished some of its fighters for disobeying the 'no-go" order.

He said he reckoned Doe bad fewer than 500 soldiers left with him in central Monrovia and they were trying to stop civilians leav-

This is a bad man holding hostages," he said.

Woewiyu said most of the rebel troops were in the Paynesville area, 10 to 12 kilometres southeast of the capital on the road to the wrecked international airport at Robertsfield.

He said the rebels had not been responsible for cutting water and electricity supplies to Monrovia, no reprisals against Doe's Krahn a city of 500,000 people, which

paper named three men known in

right-wing circles as among those

under arest. It said two of them

were wanted in neighbouring

Namibia in connection with last

year's attack on a United Nations

office in which a security guard

The third was described as a

friend of Barend Strydom, sent-

enced to death for shooting dead

TV shows internationally sought

terrorist with Hungarian agents

Hungarian among themselves and English to Carlos. The con-

versation was poorly recorded

and difficult to make out at times,

At one point, nue of the agents told Carins: "(ynu) must li-quidate your base of operations

bere, must stop using Hungary

from where to direct your group

because there is danger. Your

operations may be comprom-

"Also, if you were to continue,

the interests of the Hungarian

People's Republic may be jeopar-

dised if you are associated with

gary or even stay for brief periods," the Hungarian official

told Carlos, apparently trying to

Andras Petresevics, one of the

agents depicted, said in an inter-

view on the same programme that

the terrorist at one point

threatened him, charging him

with being an "imperialist agent"

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and the film was subtitled.

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to leave.

Redei said.

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bas been without power and running water for more than a week. Civilian employees who maintained the water pumping station

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had fled because of the fighting and there was no fuel left to run the electricity generators, be said.

A Reuter photographer wbo returned from a rebel-held area Saturday confirmed that fuel was in short supply with many vehi-

White pro-apartheid extremists

bave claimed responsibility for a

string of attacks on government offices, bnmes of liberal politi-

cians, a synagogue, the office of a

liberal Afrikaans newspaper

which disclosed that white ex-

tremists were planning to assas-sinate black leader Nelson Man-

dela, South African President

F.W. de Klerk and other politi-

The former chief of counterin-

telligence under the Communists,

Miklos Redei, was also inter-

viewed in the programme. Hc

had also met Carlos personally.

being paranoid, afraid, but be

was not dumh by any means,"

Interior Minister Balazs Hor-

vath said on June 27 he had

instructed the chief prosecutor to

investigate former Communist

Party officials for allegedly pro-

viding shelter and training

grounds for Carlos and his terror-

Horvath said last month that

recently discovered documents

implicated top officials in giving

Carlos safe baven. The nation's

Communist Party disbanded in

Redei asserted that a small

group of terrorists led by Carlos

"did not come here at the invita-

"We tried to keep tabs on them

tion of any Hungarian official.

"He gave the impression of

cles abandoned because there

The photographer was allowed to proceed as far as Robertsfield Airport, 50 kilometres from Monrovia, where be saw the burut-out terminal building and dozens of uniforms shed by fleeing government soldiers.

The rebels would not allow bim to enter the city proper.

## Bomb kills 2, injures 35 in Punjab

ful bomb exploded in a vegetable market in northern Punjab state Sunday, killing two people and injuring 35 others, news reports

Sikb separatists agitating for an independent natinn were believed responsible, the reports

In other violence, the militants killed at least 11 people Saturday News of India said.

The news agency said the bomb exploded in a shop in the town of Fatehgarh Churian, 35 kilometres north of Amritsar.

The Sikh holy city of Amritsar is the focal point of the separatist movement, 390 kilometres northwest of New Delhi.

At least 1,300 people have been killed in Punjab this year in hit-and-run attacks blamed on the militants.

Militant Sikhs have been demanding an independent state since 1982, accusing India's Hindu majority of political and cultural discrimination toward their community.

Sikhs form only 2 per cent of India's 880 million people but are in a majority in Punjab, a

prosperous farming state bordering Pakistan. Hindus make up 82 per cent of the country's population.

employment, fight illiteracy, and

rehabilitate juvenile delin-

quents," Florez said. "We don't

need aid to escalate the war, but

rather to fight one of its main

million residents live in condi-

war zone this year. Teenage

assassins on the payroll of the

Medellin cocaine cartel have

been killing policemen almost

daily, and authorities hlame drug

traffickers for five explosions that

killed at least 60 innocent bystan-

He said balf of Medellin's three

The city has become a virtual

causes, poverty.

tions of misery.

Sikh militants Saturday shot and killed a Sikh leader who opposed their demand for an independent Sikh nation in the Punjab state, news reports said.

#### Kenyan forces attack supporters of multiparty democracy

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Mnnths of political agitation in Kenya have empted into violence, with police firing hullets and tear gas to disperse a crowd of demonstrators who beld a rally demanding multiparty demo-

streets Saturday, firing into the air and dispersing crowds so that only small groups of demonstra-tors remained hy nightfall, clashing sporadically with troops. Police pursued demonstrators into Nairobi's commercial centre. It was not known if there were any casualties, although witnesses said they saw security forces beat

Riot police moved through the

The violence broke out after about 500 protesters defied a government ban and gathered at a field near downtown Nairobi for the rally. Kenya bas been a one-party state hy law since 1982. Kenneth Matiba and Charles

Rubia, leading opponents of the government who were detained last week, had called for the rally. Authorities bad denied permis-

sion for a demonstration, and President Daniel Arap Moi had threatened to use force to break it "We want two parties," many

protesters shouted, waving two fingers in the local multiparty The demonstrators, many car-

rying rocks, bruke into groups numbering in the hundreds and faced off with security forces who tried to block roads around the

When protesters stoned : plainclothes police officer and his car and commandeered a hus, security forces charged the crowd, firing bullets and tear gas. Panic-stricken groups fled into downtown Nairobi. Workers poured nat of their offices and formed large crowds at bus stops as hundreds tried to flee the city. Most traffic other than buses was quickly gone from the streets. The atmosphere remained

tense for hours. Kenya has been at peace since independence from Britain in 1963 and nften is cited as an example of stability and prosperity on a continent known mare for guerrilla warfare, military juntas and corrupt dictatorships.

Since January, however, a loose coalition emboldened by the changes in Eastern Europe has repeatedly accused the ruling Kenya African National Union Party of intolerance, corruption and election-rigging.

Demands for change began on Jan. 1 in an address by the Rev. Timothy Njhoya, a longtime critic of the government, who urged Africans to reflect un the experience of Eastern Europe and choose multiparty democracy.

The government bas rejected any move toward allowing other parties and calls its opponents subversives. Arap Moi says multiparty politics would create ethnic strife among the East African nation's 40 tribes and lead to tribal warfare.

Arap Moi said he will bunt down political pluralists "like

The government has detained at least 11 opponents since Wednesday, including Matiba and Rubia, former cabinet ministers, according to their families and other sources close to the

# Sri Lanka seeks world mediation to end war

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa said Sunday that peace talks with Tamil separatist guerrillas fighting government troops were possible only with international mediation.

He told a meeting outside Colombo: "It is only with the incommunity in a manner acceptable to us that the dialogue can recommence."

On June 25, Deputy Defence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said the government was willing to accept mediation to end the fighting provided the rebels surrendered their arms. Premadasa spoke as troops sur-

rounded a large guerrilla jungle base in the east in a campaign to wipe out the last rebel resistance m Amparai district.

This is their final base in Amparai district. We have them trapped there," a military source said by telephone from Amparai, 240 kilometres east of Colombo.

He said fighters of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam guerrilla group retreated to their jungle base at Kanchikudichchi Aru, 55 kilometres southeast of Amparai town, after suffering heavy losses in the army advance.

Other officials in Colombo said the Tigers were advancing to meet the army column which was about five kilometres from the base. "A big battle is looming," one official said.

The Tigers are the most powerful group fighting for a separate state in the north and east for the 2.5 million minority Tamil community. The majnrity of Sri Lanka's 16.5 million people are

Officials said more than 5,000 soldiers were involved in the eight-day-old aperation and at Tiger stronghold at Kattaparich-

SHUIAZHUANG, China (AP)

— China plans to double the

number of students it sends to a

military academy here for train-

ing to eradicate anti-Communist

crackdown on dissent since the

The People's Daily said Sunday

1,600 would-be freshmen at Pek-

to this southern city this year

before being allowed to take up

The first batch of 728 students

were sent to the Shijiazhuang

Army Academy last autumn after

troops put down protests with

heavy loss of life. They leave on July 18 after a year of Communist

doctrine, square-bashing and

"This year has toughened the

students' confidence in social-

ism." Major-General Xiang Xu.

political commissar of the

academy more than 200

kilometres south of Peking, told

"Time spent sharpening the axe is saved when cotting wood,"

he said; defending the value of

army training for young people

mostly have no military ambi-

One student in an English lan-

guage class at the academy had a

different view. "My studies bave

spartan discipline.

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college places.

crushing of unrest last year.

**More Peking students to** 

tendencies, part of its army crushed in June 1989.

ing University — a bothed of the university played in the un-revolt during 1989's democracy rest.

undergo army training

camps and well-fortified bunkers. Officials said other areas in Amparai had been cleared of rebels after the army's Eastern Command, reinforced by battalions from southern Sri Lanka, began a push to regain Tiger-held

areas more than four weeks ago. More than 800 rebels, members of the security forces and civilians have been killed since June 11 when rebels unleashed attacks on police and military camps, taking the anthorities by surprise because the government had been negotiating with the Tigers since May 1989.

In the past week, two army columns have been fighting their way through rebel bases in jungles and ricefields south and east of the northwestern coastal town of Mannar, where army camps have been bombarded by the

Military sources said the rebels were holding the northern peninsula, their stronghold, and the main town there, Jaffna.

The sources said a major offensive to capture rebel territory in the north was likely to be launched in the next two weeks.

Visitors to Jaffna have reported large-scale damage to buildings in pre-offensive air

Premadasa told officials a Tamil-dominated council in the northeast region was dissolved Saturday to pave the way for fresh elections — a Tiger request

during peace talks. The council became virtually defunct after its leaders, opposed to the Tigers, left the country last March with its Indian military backers.

The Defence Ministry said Sunday that troops killed 21 rebels in an overnight raid on a least a thousand rebels were be- chan in eastern Trincomalee disbeyed entrenched in a maze of trict.

Peking University freshmen

were the only students penalised

with the year of forced military

training after the protests that the

Fureign diplomats and under-

graduates at the university say

they were singled out for punish-

ment because of the leading role

said the students spent 74 per

cent of their time on military or

political studies, which take

whom are women, follow a spar-tan regime, living 12 to a bunk-bedded room in which the only

visible personal effects are uni-

forms and military caps neatly

arranged on spotless mattresses.

uniformed students, mostly in

their late teens, marched to a

canteen yelling martial anthems.

Women wore their hair a few

inches above the shoulder but

male students all sported pud-

when I leave is grow my hair,"

Anthorities are heralding the

Xiang said he liked his students

students' sojourn as a triumpb.

"very much" as they were full of

vigour and keen to learn. He said

they had taken part in 40 groups

to study Marxism-Leninism and

One thing I am going to do

ding-bowl crew-cuts.

said one young woman.

At lunchtime a phalanx of the

The young people, 259 of

priority over normal classes.

#### Medvedev gets 'red card'

MOSCUW (R) — An angry delegate to the Soviet Communist Party congress censured ideology chief Vadim Medvedev World Cup-style. "Here's my evaluation of you," said the delegate, holding up his red congress creden-tials in the style of a football referee sending off a player with a red card. Medvedev has been savaged at the congress for failing to lay down a clear ideological line as the anthority of the party continues to wane in the country.

#### Concert held on former Berlin Wall death strip:

EAST BERLIN (R) - About 10,000 classical music lovers attended the first open-air concert on former no-man's land along the Berlin Wall where border troops once shot at people trying to flee to the West. American conductor Lorin Maazel directed 120 musicians and 280 singers from 13 East and West Berlin orchestras and choral proups in a televised performance of Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 2 Saturday night. The benefit concert was beld on open ground along the wall between Potsdam-

er Platz and the Brandenburg Gate. The British rock group Pink Floyd is scheduled to play there on a mammoth stage on

#### New York police continue search\_ for 'dart man'

NEW YORK (R) - Police have sent undercover female officers on to the streets of New York to lure out "dart man" — a serial molester who roams New York City blowing tiny darts through a straw intn the buttocks of women, at least 52 of them so far. The attacks, most of them in the busy midtown area of Manhattan, started last month and led Police Commissioner Lee Brown to issue an appeal to the public to call police with any information after the latest victim was struck Friday, "We need the eyes of the public," Brown said, But the police, the media and average New Ynrkers seem undecided about whether "dart man" is a budding psychopath nr a misance prankster. So tat hone of t two-inch-long pins — with hitle paper tails attached for better gliding capability and aim has resulted in any injury. Some of the tiny weapons, recovered from hems and other parts of victims' clothing, have been analysed and show no trace of poison or other harmful subst-

#### U.S. institute kills 3 monkeys

WASHINGTON, (R) - The U.S. government's National Institutes of Health (NIH) bas killed three of the celebrated Silver Spring monkeys that had become a potent symbol of the Anihad Rights Movement, a NIH spokeswoman said. NIH spokeswoman Anne Thomas said the three Simians - Big Boy, Augustus and Domition - were enthanised Friday in a laboratory in Louisiana. Before their mercy killing by NIH scientists, the top of the monkeys' skulls were removed and their brains repeatedly pierced with electrodes in a final experiment NIH said could yield data useful in treating human victims of strokes and accidents. Animal rights groups had songht to prevent their deaths in court but first a federal district court and then a U.S. appeals courts turned them down. The three monkeys were members of the Silver Spring Six, a band of Simians that were research subjects in a laboratory in Silver Spring, Maryland supported by the NIH. They were released from there in 1981 after complaints they were being treated cruelly.

# NATO summit highlights love-hate relationship with nuclear weapons

suffered because of too much to study Marxism-Leni military training," the student Mao Tsetung thought.

LONDON (R) - NATO leaders have agreed the cold war is over and that a new age is dawning but their latest summit also highlighted the alliance's curious lovebate relationship with nuclear arms.

The thought nf weapons of mass destruction, never used since the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Japan to end World War II, sends a shiver down the spine for many people. But at NATO they are treated with reverence as the ultimate

guarantee of peace. They have also caused more rows within the 16-nation Western alliance than any other single issue. Nuclear planners debate what

they like to call "theology" for hours on end - using impersonal, arcane terms like "throwweights" and "kill ratios."

"Sitting in nn those meetings is a bit like being in a scene from Dr. Strangelnve," said one NATO diplomat, referring to the 1961 film that satirised the superpowers' nuclear confrontation.

"But it's a very serious business underneath all that. Everything is built nn an elaborate set of thenries and nptions because

we've never had to use them. But garet Thatcher, a vigorous propowe might one day." The NATO summit in London

last week tinkered with the word- before giving in to the majority ing of those theories, to make them appear less threatening to Moscow. Spurred on by the outhreak of democracy which has swept Eastern Europe, the lead-ers agreed to scale down their reliance on nuclear arms and to seek a joint peace declaration with the Warsaw Pact.

They agreed to explicitly make nuclear arms "weapons of last resort". Alliance officials said NATO had only ever intended to use them when the conventional battle appeared lost - in other words, in the last resort to avoid

But the leaders also said they would need to retain modern nuclear weapons in their arsenal and that the alliance should maintain its doctrine of "first use". with which NATO reserves the right to use nuclear weapons first m any conflict.

Even that slight adjustment to the Semantics of nuclear policy caused a few problems at an ntherwise harmonious meeting. Britisb Prime Minister Mar-

nent of strong nuclear defences. said she was unsure about it

But there was no sign of the wrangling over nuclear weapons that has torn the fahric of NATO unity at previous meetings. There was a row at a Brussels summit last year nyer whether to modernise short-range nuclear mis-

Sensitivity about these weapons, often a major issue with public opinion, is extreme. NATO documents that deal with their possible use nr deployment carry the highest classification.

NATO recently cancelled a major communications exercise known as Wintex because the scenario called for Western leaders to approve the use of nuclear weapons. West Germany nbjected. saying the idea of such wargames was now inappropriate.

Alliance nuclear policy has, since 1967, been based on something it calls "flexible response" using a carefully graded mix of nuclear weapons in an unpredict-

#### Madonna concert cancelled in Rome

ROME (R) - A pop concert by

Italo American star Madonna in

Rome next week has been called off at short nntice, the organisers said. The reason given was that the July 11 concert coincided with a threatened general strike which has since been called offhut there have also been moves by prominent Roman Catholic bodies to get the tour cancelled. The Catholic News Agency (SIR) said earlier this week Madonna's use of crucifixes and sacred symbols in concerts and videos was an offence to good taste. Madouna, whose grandparents were born in central Italy and who was brought up a Catholic, will now play one: concert in Rome and one in Turin.

#### acting without the knowledge of accented English in the film. The after their arrival. U.S. reportedly drawing up hemispheric drug raid

NEW YORK (Agencies) - The United States is drawing up plans for a bemispheric drug raid using the armies of three South American nations to strike a decisive blow against the cocaine cartel in the region, Newsweek magazine has reported.

Newsweek, quoting briefing papers obtained from the U.S. Southern Command military headquarters in Panama, said the attack would be coordinated by the Southern Command and use the armies of Columbia, Bulivia and Peru to hit targets in their

Although the troops would not be American, all the logistics. planning, training and support would be provided by the U.S. military, Newsweck said.

"We wouldn't pull the trigger but we'd point the gun." Newsweek quoted a Pentagon analyst familiar with the Southern Command plan as saying.

Newsweek said, however, that due to likely apposition to the plan in the U.S. Congress and reluctance of the countries involved to he seen as tools of the United States, a joint Latin American drug raid is unlikely to happen soon.

The plan is the hrainchild of

the Southern Command and military chief of the Panama invasion last December which ousted strongman General Manuel Noriega, Newsweeck said.

Thurman is reportedly prepared to use the U.S. troops if the need arises.

A well-placed intelligence source said the Pentagon has plans to send American commandos to "snatch" at least two Colombian drug lards if U.S. President George Bash gives the

According to the briefing ducunents, the attack would involve the massive use of farce applied swiftly and simultaneously to the cartel's entire support structure. Possible targets include the

drug lords' homes, drug processing centres and clandestine air-fields for smuggling.

Medellin mayor seeks American help

Meanwhile, the mayor of Medellin, Colombia, headquarters of the world's most powerful cocaine cartel, appealed Saturday to the people of the United States to help his city end drug-related

violence. Mayor Omar Florez called on General Max Thurman, head of U.S. churches, private com-

panies, hospitals, local governments and other organisations to help ease Medellin's poverty. which he said provides a breeding ground for drug traffickers.

The United States and Colombia are both victims of the drug scourge and should fight it together. Florez said in an interview with the Associated Press. And he pointed out that

cocaine consumption in the United States and other industrialised countries directly fuels violence in Colombia. "As long as the huge internatinnal drug market continues, we will see victims in Colombia," he

said, urging that the costs of the drug war be shared worldwide. Party politician who took office one month ago, has unveiled a \$100-million programme to rebuild Medellin's poor neighbourboods in an effort to keep residents from getting involved in the

drug trade. The largely government-financed programme seeks tn hring clean water, telephones and electricity tn poverty-striken areas, and to build apartments, hospitals and recreatinn centres.

"We need the money and ex-

pertise of North Americans to

develop programmes to generate

hope, so'drug traffickers came in and offered them jnbs, but in a death factory," Finrez said. He added that vinlence and

The Colombian government has sent thousands more security Florez, 39, a ruling Liberal , troops to Medellin. Armoured personnel carriers, soldiers toting machine guns and military roadb locks dot the major roads and highways.

But Florez said drug lords take advantage of poor people to carry out their work. "The government and ruling class ifailed to give these people

easy money generated hy drug trafficking have caused a crisis of values in Medellin.